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Men's and women's crew investigated

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

Campus safety concluded an investigation into an alleged incident of hazing involving the men's and women's crew teams this past Monday. After examining reports from each member of the team, they concluded that the event was optional and found no evidence of hazing. Because violations of the school's alcohol policy occurred, however, the captains of both teams were placed on social probation for the remainder of the semester.

The incident first came under investigation after an unidentified freshman team member told the Resident Advisor on his/her floor that they felt they had been hazed at a crew initiation on March 23. The RA reported the incident to campus safety.

"We would take seriously any allegations of hazing," said Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell. "This incident was investigated carefully, and the college determined that this was not a violation of the hazing policy." She was not aware of any other incidents of hazing this year.

The initiation event, planned by the four captains, included three stops at which team members played various games, including Operation, Twister, and a crew trivia game. At each stop both alcohol and soda were available.

"We really wanted to have it as a team-building thing. Everyone refers to it as initiation, but we just wanted everyone to have fun," said men's Co-Captain Steve Larson '03.

Each of the captains told the new team members that they did not have to drink if they did not want to, said Larson. In his group one person opted not to drink at any of the stops, as did other people in each of the groups. Additionally, some team members decided to leave rather than participate in the drinking.

The captains, according to Larson and Coach Joe Bilyea, took precautions to try to ensure that the night was fun and safe. The four captains met ahead of time to discuss the event and to make sure that each captain knew to emphasize that the event was optional. The captains said that they received no complaints during the evening of anyone feeling pressured to drink.

According to Larson, similar initiation events have occurred in past years.

"It's not a super strong tradition, but I went through it as a freshman, and it was pretty much a joke," said Larson. He also pointed out that many teams on campus have similar traditions.

Bilyea expressed some dissatisfaction with the college's current alcohol policy but acknowledged that the college had to respond.

"The bottom line of the bottom line is that underage drinking is illegal," said Bilyea.

Larson agrees, "It's nothing I haven't seen at a Bundy party before, but the college had to act on it, and they acted in the least severe way possible. I think that's pretty much fair."

2nd annual AIDS radio marathon coming to WHCL

by James P. Du Vernay '03
NEWS EDITOR

With less than one week to go before his second annual radio marathon to raise money for AIDS, Josh Conklin '01 has begun making final preparations and is working to secure the donations he needs.

Beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 20, Conklin will host a 24-hour radio marathon at WHCL, the Hamilton College radio station. His goal is to raise funds and awareness for the AIDS Hike for Life, which will occur on campus Sunday, April 29.

Conklin has a set a goal of $1000. He hopes to raise this money through donations from private individuals and on-campus organizations. Sponsors of the marathon receive the opportunity to join Conklin in the station and work as guest hosts for an hour.

"They can come in, hang out with me, and play music," said Conklin.

Conklin's original inspiration for holding such an event stemmed from his participation in the AIDS Hike for Life during his sophomore year.

"I thought it was a great event," he explained, "because AIDS is an issue most college students don't think about very much on a daily basis, but students often are greatly affected by it."

He considers the hike a remedy to this lack of awareness and sees his radio marathon as a way to not only directly raise funds, but also promote the hike.

"This marathon is aimed at raising awareness about AIDS and promoting the hike itself," Conklin added.

Running the marathon requires the preempting of all regularly scheduled WHCL programming. Station General Manager David Lyons '03 said the station was immediately willing to help.

"It was a given-he's been doing it for a while and we're glad to help one of our DJs."

Lyons added that he would welcome other marathon-type proposals.

"WHCL is pleased to help with any community service effort," he said.

As of press time, Conklin had received pledges from 16 organizations or individuals, totaling just over $300. The Office of Residential Life has pledged its support. Area Coordinator Ryan Lovell explained that "Josh has shown his support of the AIDS Hike and has been a great

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PHOTO BY SARRA RUSSELL '01
Josh Conklin '01 and the station where he works 24-hour marathons.

Exterminator treats bed bugs in Babbitt Hall

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
NEWS WRITER

Shortly before Spring Break, one of the suites in Babbitt residence hall became infected with bedbugs. Yesterday, a meeting was held with Physical Plant Director Steve Bellona, Dean Florence Mitchell, Aaron Wilton '03, and Chris Laughlin '01 to discuss the bed bugs, the Administration's decision to spray, and community response in general.

It all started right before break. The residents of the infested suite caught one of the suspicious bugs, put it in a plastic bag, and contacted their Resident Advisor, Chris Fogelstrom '03. Fogelstrom gave the bag to Physical Plant workers, who made the identification. The residents of the suite were given one week's notice that the workers were coming to spray the suite with a pesticide commonly known as Tempo or Cyfluthrin. Fogelstrom said that it was at this point that "people in Babbitt became rightfully concerned and scared. It was kind of like the red scare of bed bugs."

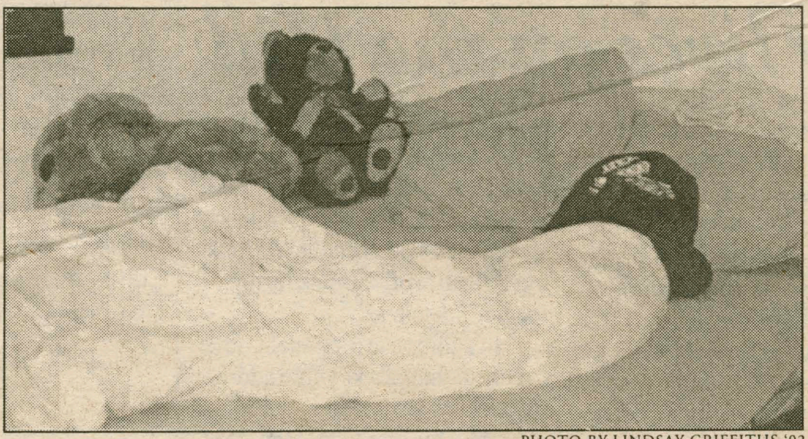

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02
An unsuspecting bed from Babbitt Hall before bed bugs attack.

Marshall Leddy '01 was one of the concerned Babbitt residents. Leddy e-mailed President Eugene Tobin, stating his concern that bedbugs might spread to his suite, the rest of the dorm, and the campus at large. Leddy said, "Tobin respected my concerns. He responded very quickly to my e-mail and forwarded it to Physical Plant, the Health Center, and Res Life." As a result, the decision was made to spray all three suites in the affected section of the third floor of Babbitt. At this point, many people voiced concerns about the use of this pesticide, pointing out that the students living in Babbitt, the faculty with Babbitt offices, and the Hamilton community as a whole were given no warning of the possible negative effects of Cyfluthrin.

On March 8th Chris Laughlin '01, another Babbitt resident, sent out an e-mail to the

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Profs. work for diversity day

By Sarah Karalunas '04
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In response to the racial tensions that have characterized this school year, two Hamilton professors have developed a proposal for the college to designate an entire day for diversity training and workshops. Professor of Classics and Women's Studies Shelley Haley (also Director of Africana Studies) and Visiting Professor of Women's Studies Margo Okazawa-Rey are planning to fill the day with a number of events meant to promote interaction between groups on campus.

The professors identified two primary goals for the day. The first is to draw more students, especially those who would not normally attend such an event, into discussion and foster the idea that they have a stake in the issue. Secondly, and equally importantly, Okazawa-Rey wants to support the core group of students who are already interested.

"We tend to always look at who doesn't come. Sometimes we need to turn our focus to who is there and support them," she explained.

The professors plan for the day-long event to include a series of workshops and discussions aimed at focusing students' attention and energy on diversity awareness-related issues.

In addition to encouraging all students and faculty to attend the day's programs, other staff members from Bon Appetite and Physical Plant will be encouraged to participate as well.

Proposed events range from helping students define racism to conducting small group discussions about the dynamics of society today to having an all-campus barbecue. The two professors are also hoping to have diverse student groups coordinate events together.

"We really want to bring out the best impulses in people and the best desires to have authentic dialogue," said Okazawa-Rey.

Initially, organizers had hoped that the classes would be cancled for the day, allowing the community to focus exclusively on the events planned. However, with the semester quickly coming to a close, organizers found that stopping all regularly scheduled events for a full day would not be feasible. Instead, organizers plan for the event to run alongside regular activities at Hamilton.

Haley does not want the workshops to be mandatory and realizes that some students may chose not to attend the workshops.

"If someone doesn't want to be there, we can't change their heart, and it's their heart that we need to change, not their mind," said Haley.

The idea, says Haley, came while she was planning an April 1st National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) workshop for the campus. NCBI promotes understanding through sharing of personal stories and dialogue.

Radio AIDS marathon on air

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Resident Advisor, so we had no problem supporting the marathon."

Lovell added that listeners could look forward to "an area coordinators' hour" during the show.

Untitled-at-Large, a student-run theater organization, has also pledged its support. Johanna Liias '02, co-chair of the group, sees the marathon as "a fantastic way to raise money for AIDS research."

She added that "it's important to show support for students taking this type of initiative."

Remembering the fun he had while participating in the hike, Conklin describes an additional benefit he believes derives from it.

"The hike is a way to get our entire community involved," he said. "It's a coming-together process."

On a deeper leve, "the entire day [of the hike] centers on the issue of AIDS and allows us to reflect on the effects of the disease and work toward a cure," said Conklin.

This year's marathon marks Conklin's third such effort while at Hamilton. Three years ago, he conducted the first one to raise support for the college's Alternative Spring Break program. Last year, he used the marathon to collect funds for the AIDS Hike for Life and collected $700 in pledges.

No stranger to radio broadcasting, Conklin has hosted a show for WHCL since his freshman year and currently co-hosts a show of the hip-hop genre on late Tuesday nights.

In addition to participating in the hike, Conklin also sits on the steering committee for the hike. Still actively seeking support, Conklin welcomes all contributions. He can be reached through campus mail or at jconklin@hamilton.edu.

Hamilton Conference a success; life and legacy lives on the Hill

by Cristen Sargent '01
FEATURES EDITOR

Twenty political scientists and historians convened on the Hill last weekend to debate and discuss the life and legacy of college namesake Alexander Hamilton.

Organized primarily by Associate Professor of History Douglas Ambrose, the conference was an opportunity for the college to demonstrate its academic prowess and noteriety, according to Ambrose.

"The conference gives us stature both academically and nationally. Such an event alerts people to the kind of serious, sophisticated academic work going on here at Hamilton College," said Robert Paquette, professor of American history and another organizer of the event.

The conference consisted of four sessions: "Hamilton and the Dilemmas of Slavery in the Young Republic"; "Hamilton and Domestic Policy"; "Hamilton's Legacy"; and "Hamilton and His Contemporaries". At each session three scholars presented papers and another gave his comments before the panel opened to questions and discussion from the audience. Audience numbers ranged from 30 to more than 80, and included students, faculty, area high school students, amateur historians, and alumni.

Among those in attendance was recent graduate Linda Retallack '00, who returned to the Hill from the Cooperstown Graduate Program, where she is enrolled for a master's degree. "I came to the conference because it was a wonderful opportunity to hear some of the leading scholars working in founding history speak," she said. Retallack is looking at the life of Thomas Jefferson for her master's.

In addition to the panels, other events included a keynote address by Richard Brookhiser, author of a seminal biography of Hamilton, and an exhibit in the Burke Library. Randall Ericson, college librarian, arranged the exhibit, which featured Hamilton's laptop desk and papers on loan from The Bank of New York and from the library's own collection.

Among the many points emphasized throughout the weekend included America's lukewarm sentiment toward Hamilton, and a reputation that has alternately risen and fallen since his death.

This Week in Hamilton History

Compiled By Matthew Speer '03
STAFF CARTOONIST

25 YEARS AGO
April 9, 1976

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS KEEPING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Ad Hoc Committee for Curricular Review of the Education Program will present their recommendation to the Social Science Division, the Dean of Academic Affairs, and the President, that the education department at Kirkland be retained, according to Douglas Raybeck, assistant professor of anthropology and member of the committee. Students interviewed were strongly in favor of the program's continuance.

CHEMISTRY RENOVATION PLANS UP FOR TRUSTEE APPROVAL

Plans for the renovation of the Chemistry Building have been drawn up and will be presented to the Hamilton trustees for approval at the earliest at their June meeting. The two million dollar project is the "highest priority on campus," said President Carovano. The entire interior of the building will be updated. The last major renovation done to the building was in 1930.

KIRKLAND ANIMALS FACE ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM

A one-year moratorium banning all animals from the Kirkland campus was approved by a vote of 12 to 6 at Kirkland's last Assembly meeting. The moratorium, proposed by the Hamilton-Kirkland Humane Society and the Kirkland Student Life Committee, is the result of repeated negligence displayed by a number of animal owners. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the immediate removal of the animal and the student's suspension from Kirkland for the following semester. The strong anti-animal sentiment visible at Kirkland does not appear to exist at Hamilton.

16 YEARS AGO
April 26, 1985

GAY-LESBIAN AWARENESS WEEKEND

This weekend the Hamilton Gay and Lesbian Alliance is sponsoring Gay/Lesbian Awareness weekend. The weekend will include two lectures, two films, and a dance party in Major dorm that is free and open to the public.

STUDENTS MARCH ON WASHINGTON

On Saturday, April 21 the Griffis Action Organizing Committee and HOPE, Hamilton Organization for Peace on Earth, organized a trip to the 100,000 person "Peace, Jobs, and Justice" rally in Washington. Fifteen Hamilton students attended. The mass protest was organized by a coalition of suspicious groups. These groups called for an end to United States military intervention in Central America, end to the arms race, opposition to apartheid and racism, and finally, the building of a more just society.

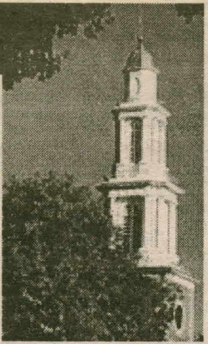
SCHOLARS CONFER ON POUND

Last weekend, Hamilton held the Ezra Pound Centennial Conference on Politics, Economics, and Literature. Faculty from all over the United States came to discuss and to give lectures on different aspects of Pound and his work. Saturday afternoon Ezra Pound's son, Omar Pound '51 read some of his own work. Kenneth G. Elzinga, an economics professor from the University of Virginia, delivered Saturday's keynote address. Pound's economic errors changed his life, and led him to antisemitism, fascism, a charge of treason, and time in an insane asylum. Elzinga added, "An ounce of economics would prevent a Pound of error."

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04



Adviser gets award for defending students' right

(U-WIRE) CALIFORNIA — A professional journalists' organization honored a high school newspaper adviser March 27 for defending his students' right to publish a story about state sex education guidelines.

The Northern California Chapter of the Society for Professional Journalists presented Granite Bay High School adviser Karl Grubaugh with the James Madison Freedom of Information Award for standing up to school board members and parents who wanted him to censor the student newspaper.

The struggle began after the newspaper, the Granite Bay Gazette, published an article about a new state law that requires schools to emphasize abstinence in their sex-education courses. For the story, student reporters interviewed the school's health education teacher, who is quoted in the article describing students' ignorance about sex.

Parents, who appeared to be more upset by the large headline that read "Let's Talk about Sex" than by their children's lack of knowledge, called the principal and school board members to complain. One parent even called the Pacific Justice Institute, a nonprofit legal foundation that threatened to file a lawsuit against both Grubaugh and the health education teacher.

But Grubaugh refused to give in to the parents' demands, instead defending his students' right to publish an uncensored newspaper.

Survey parking outranks diversity

(U-WIRE) FORT WORTH, Texas — There are mixed reactions on campus toward a national study that ranks parking as more of a problem than minority issues.

According to the "Student Leadership Survey: Issues Affecting Campuses," conducted by the "National On-Campus Report," student leaders at 260 colleges and universities stated that parking is more of a problem than diversity issues, safety concerns, student apathy and alcohol and drug abuse. It was not indicated if Texas Christian University was one of the schools that participated in the survey.

Darron Turner, director of intercultural education and services, said the survey is probably accurate, but the results may be misleading.

"This is probably the case in most universities around the nation," he said. "In reality, it does not have to do with minorities or parking, but it deals with problems students face on a daily basis, as parking, and those which students deal with on an occasional basis, as diversity. If it's not parking, then it could be the food services or something else."

Andrea Cook, a freshman nursing major, said diversity is not important to people at TCU.

"The survey is a good indication of what is going on at TCU right now," Cook said. "It proves that people really don't care about increasing diversity and other minority issues. Not enough is done to address this problem because minorities on campus don't feel like they belong here. They feel that they don't fit in at all."

Students see slim financial relief in Bush's budget

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — A college education may become marginally more affordable for low-income students, if President Bush's budget proposal is adopted.

Bush's detailed budget request for the 2002 fiscal year, sent to Congress on Monday, contains proposed allocations of federal money, which include initiatives related to higher education.

Under Bush's proposal, the funding for Pell Grants — money provided to low- and middle-income undergraduate students to help them pay for college — would increase by $1 billion.

"One billion dollars for Pell Grants is the best way to give money to students who most need it," White House spokesman Scott Stanzel said yesterday.

This increase in funding from the 2001 estimate of $8.8 billion to $9.8 billion would increase the maximum possible award for each student by $100.

According to the president's proposed budget, more than four million low- and middle-income college students would receive Pell Grants in 2002, with the maximum award set at $3,850. The maximum award for 1999-2000 was $3,125.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Stampede at soccer match kills 43

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Sobbing women identified relatives from among bodies lined up on a soccer field early Thursday after a stampede at a match between two of South Africa's most popular teams. Forty-three people were killed and 160 injured.

In one of the country's worst sports tragedies, thousands of fans who couldn't fit into Johannesburg's Ellis Park stadium on Wednesday night shoved and broke through the fence around the facility or climbed over gates.

Not initially realizing the seriousness of the situation, officials didn't call off the game until 10 minutes after the first body had been carried away, one fan said.

"We thought someone had fainted," said Abdul Patel, who spent 20 minutes in the throng outside before he managed to get in. Later, he saw at least 10 bodies being carried onto the field.

Government and soccer league officials met Thursday to look into what caused the stampede at a game between the Kaizer Chiefs and the Orlando Pirates, fierce rivals. Afterward they said their would be a full judicial inquiry and postponed all soccer matches scheduled for the weekend.

Russia space flight anniversary

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin marked the anniversary of a pioneering space flight on Thursday by pledging to support Russia's space industry, which has fallen on hard times in the 40 years since cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin elated Russians and shocked the West by orbiting the Earth.

Gagarin's 108-minute single orbit of the Earth on April 12, 1961 — weeks before the United States was able to put Alan Shepard on a 15-minute suborbital flight — raised fears the Soviet Union had taken an unbeatable lead in the space race.

But Russia's post-Soviet economic troubles have drained money for the space program, and it suffered a severe blow to morale last month when the deteriorating space station Mir was scrapped in a fiery plunge into the Pacific Ocean.

"Despite all difficulties ... the tremendous potential of highly skilled experts engaged in this field and the implementation of national and international programs will enable this country to stay on the cutting edge of space exploration in the new century," Putin said in a statement.

Despite the pledge, space engineers held a rally outside the government headquarters in Moscow, where a Cabinet meeting was taking place, to protest cuts in funding for space research.

Hashimoto could replace Mori

TOKYO (AP) — When Ryutaro Hashimoto was prime minister three years ago, he was widely blamed for squelching a budding recovery from Japan's worst economic slowdown in decades and forced to resign in disgrace.

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Ryutaro Hashimoto announces his candidacy for the presidential election.

With an apology for past mistakes and a vow to turn the still sputtering economy around, Hashimoto officially announced Thursday that he wants another chance.

He is widely seen as the front-runner to replace the hugely unpopular Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori in elections later this month. But the race is surprisingly heated.

Hashimoto and three other senior politicians formally filed their candidacies before the deadline closed Thursday to replace Mori as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. It was the first time so many candidates had run for the post since 1982.

The elections are to be held on April 24. The winner is expected to be named prime minister and install a new Cabinet a day or two later.

Joining Hashimoto, who was prime minister from 1996 to 1998, in the race are former Health Minister Junichiro Koizumi, party policy chief Shizuka Kamei and Economic Minister Taro Aso.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Cincinnati mayor declares emergency

CINCINNATI (AP) — The mayor declared a state of emergency and announced a citywide curfew as riots over the police shooting of an unarmed black man stretched into a fourth day Thursday.

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Cincinnati Mayor Charles Luken announces a citywide curfew.

Only people going to and from work will be allowed on the streets between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Mayor Charles Luken said.

"Despite the best efforts of the good citizens of our city, the violence on our streets is uncontrolled and it runs rampant," Luken said at a news conference at City Hall.

"The time has come to deal with this seriously. The message ... is that the violence must stop."

Officials in the city of 331,000 have considered asking the state to call out the Ohio National Guard, but no decision had been made, Luken said.

U.S. crew members return to Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — Leaving their damaged spy plane on a Chinese island, 24 U.S. crew members landed in Hawaii on Thursday to cheers and to face two long days of debriefing before weekend reunions with families and friends.

"We're definitely glad to be back," said Lt. Shane Osborn, spy mission commander, in a short statement to officials and military families.

He said all crew members were healthy and eager to get on with the last stage in their mission: 26 hours of debriefings.

"On behalf of Combat Reconnaissance Crew 1, I'd like to thank you once again, and God bless America," he said, holding an American flag.

Moments earlier, Adm. Thomas Fargo, Pacific Fleet commander, welcomed the crew to Hawaii.

"We're all very proud of you and the way you conducted yourselves this past two weeks," he said. "Welcome back and well done."

He read a letter from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld praising the crew.

"You put your lives at risk so the citizens of a grateful nations can live their lives in peace and freedom," Rumsfeld said.

"A proud Navy day," read a banner welcoming the crew freed 12 days after their surveillance plane collided with a Chinese jet over the South China Sea. Hawaii's four members of Congress and other officials welcomed the crew, along with local military families, after an overnight flight from Guam aboard a military transport jet.

Ashcroft decision pleases survivors

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Relatives of Oklahoma City bombing victims said Thursday they are thankful they will be able to see Timothy McVeigh's execution on closed-circuit TV and that watching it as a group will allow them to support each other.

"It just pleases me to no end," said Dan McKinney, whose wife, Linda, was among the 168 people killed April 19, 1995, at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. "I'm very thankful. I don't know what we would have done if we didn't get to see it."

McKinney spoke after U.S. Attorney General John Aschcroft announced the decision to allow survivors and victims' families to watch the execution by closed-circuit television in Oklahoma City.

AP

The formerly detained aircrew members pose with crew members.

Like many relatives, McKinney hopes to be chosen for one of 10 victims' witness seats in the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where McVeigh is scheduled to die May 16. But McKinney doesn't want to go alone.

Spring 2001 Student Assembly Candidate Platforms

Class President

Maurice I. Michaane
\2003 Class President

Well, its been a good two years and our class has accomplished a lot. We have unlimited access to the dinning halls, we have snack attacks at the Pub, Barnes-&-Nobles Bookstore and we finally have cable. Next year I will work to have HOT-Breakfast served in Commons until 10:30am and the Diner until 11am. I will also work to see greater student activities funding, for more events like Skate Night. Every day I have aimed to guarantee that 2003's voice is heard and that the possibilities for our class never end and I promise to continue to help make Hamilton what you want. I kept my promises to get things done and I CAN BEST HELP OUR CLASS GET MORE DONE. Once again, I ask that you place your confidence in me, so I may continue, 'Making a Difference' for you, GIVE ME YOUR HELP IN DOING SO. Vote Mo - Not Less for Class-of-2003-President.

Lauren Reynolds
2002 Class President

At the beginning of the semester, I promised better communication between Student Assembly and our class and more initiatives to stop drunk driving. In my short time as class president, I have started the Student Assembly Notes in every issue of the Spectator. As a class, we are working on important projects to raise money for the AIDS Hike and to do fun things for the junior class. Because over half of our class is abroad, Student Assembly sponsored class events will be more important than ever. I have experience abroad and in Student Assembly to bring these events to our class. As president, I will work hard for an awesome senior year, filled with improvements on campus, more senior events and a fun-filled senior week. You trusted me a few weeks ago - trust me again. Vote Lauren Reynolds for Senior Class President.

Nathaly Francois
2004 Class President

To the rising sophomores of the class of 2004 I am delighted to say that I had a great time as president of the class. Without any flattery, I know that many of you felt that we did not do as much as we could've and that my time as president was not as expected. Well, you are partially correct. I did not serve my time as well as I wanted to either becauseI did not get the chance to do too much of what the class wanted to do. I am the employee of the members of the class of 2004. Unfortunately I was not used as I should've been. My "staff" of reps full of great minds and ideas aided in trying to conjure up what it is the class of 2004 wanted to do throughout the school year, but we needed more of your help. So now, I openly ask that you consider this when you decide who you would like to serve you in the upcoming year. Now I have the "know-how" and the full understanding of how this all works—being class president—so know that I will do a great job at leading and serving the class of 2004.

Celine Geiger
2004 Class President

This year I have been actively involved in CAB, Feb Fest, WHCL, and The Spectator. Through my participation in these activities, I've learned the effort it takes to make things work. If elected, I will double this effort to ensure that our sophomore year is a success. I'm interested in a variety of projects currently underway and am open to any ideas you may have. Overall, I want to maintain a strong line of communication between members of the class so that our needs are fulfilled; I wish to incorporate our opinions so that we are represented as a whole.

Philip Hadji
2004 Class President

I'm running for President because I think the Class of 2004 needs a new kind of leader. It's time to elect somebody who will work hard for our class. I passionately care about people and will truly listen to my classmates. While being a hard working and dedicated individual I'm down to earth and approachable. I care deeply for Hamilton and want to work to keep what we love about it and improve upon what needs to be changed. My desire for the job will allow me to apply myself fully, which will benefit our class tremendously. If you're like most people you probably don't know what our representatives did this year. The answer is not very much. By casting your vote for me, you are supporting someone who is committed to making a difference.

Judicial Board Chair

Sara Weinstein
2002 Judicial Board Chair

As chair this year, I have worked to achieve the goals of making the Judicial Board more accessible to students' questions and concerns and educating the community about Board policies and procedures. I've also worked hard to establish more consistent sanctions and a community where students respect one another. I have acted as a liaison between students, faculty members, and administrators, and have had a central function as the non-voting, presiding officer at judicial hearings. Therefore, I want to continue to serve you as chair and use my experience to further improve the entire judicial process.

Byron Miller
2002 Judicial Board Chair

Over the past two and a half years, I have served in various leadership positions on campus, from Student Assembly to Resident Advisor. Most recently, I serve as Junior Representative on the Judicial Board. Now I am seeking the position of Judicial Board chair and I ask for your vote. In my time on the Board, and in other positions, I have proven myself to be fair and objective. In order for the J-Board process to have integrity, it must be more transparent and students must be aware of the consequences of their actions in advance. As chair, I would revise the types of sanctions the Board issues so that they are more educational, proactive, and instructional, than punitive. Lastly, I firmly believe that every case is different, and I would never apply blanket rules. On these principles, I ask for your vote. Thank You Byron D. Miller, '02

Bed bugs crawl into Babbitt

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many people voiced concerns about the use of this pesticide, pointing out that the students living in Babbitt, the faculty with Babbit offices, and the Hamilton community as a whole were given no warning of the possible negative effects of Cyfluthrin.

On March 8th, Chris Laughlin '01, another Babbitt resident, sent out an e-mail to the entire campus, which set forth in detail the highly toxic effects of Cyfluthrin.

Laughlin wrote: "Among the numerous health risks associated with Cyfluthrin are: stinging skin, tremors, convulsions, decreased blood pressure, and labored breathing."

Laughlin encouraged others to join him in protesting the use of Cyfluthrin in the Hamilton community and objecting to the fact that no one was advised of the health risks associated with the pesticide. Laughlin noted that there were signs on the doors of Babbitt stating that suites were going to be sprayed with Cyfluthrin and calling for students to evacuate for six hours, but there was no notification of the health risks involved in the use of the pesticide.

Laughlin said he wrote the e-mail after he and some of his suitemates, including Aaron Wilton '03, researched Cyfluthrin on the Internet and discovered the disturbing side effects. Laughlin said, "I wanted the community at large to know what was going on and let the school know that there should be more notification and encouragement for discussion of these kinds of issues"

Assistant Physical Plant Director Terry Hawkridge reported that the pesticide Physical Plant used to spray the suites is cleared by the EPA and the New York DEC.

Hawkridge noted that "the chemicals used are recommended and are deemed the least toxic to cover the situation." Hawkridge also noted that these chemicals are the same ones recommended for use in hospitals. Hawkridge also stressed that bedbugs are "no reflection of the sanitation of the person." Oftentimes, people become infected with bedbugs while staying at hotels abroad. Hawkridge said, "Bed bugs will not be tolerated at Hamilton, and their visit will be a short lived one".

President Tobin commented on the matter: "The infestation of bed bugs in Babbitt is the first manifestation of this type found at Hamilton College in the past 25 years. Once we determined the nature of the problem, we initiated an immediate effort to eliminate the infestation. We are monitoring the situation closely, and will take appropriate steps to ensure our students' safety, comfort, and well being".

In the final event, a total of two suites were sprayed, since residents of the third suite objected to the spraying. Since Spring Break, there have been no further reports of bedbug infestation. The meeting that occurred on Thursday was suggested by Dean Mitchell. Wilton commented that it was a really helpful meeting. "Dean Mitchell and Steve Bellona voiced honest concerns about the health of the students and respected our concerns" said Wilton. The frank airing of views seemed to benefit all parties involved. Wilton said that the parties stressed the overall need for better communication. All members of the community share in this responsibility. The parties agreed on the desirability of prompt and full communication from the administration about the necessary use of pesticides and their possible health risks as well as the responsibility of students to communicate with staff and administration about their concerns.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY NOTES
APRIL 9, 2001

by Lauren Reynolds '02
CLASS OF 2002 PRESIDENT

* We met with Joe Kappa, the new Director of Administrative Services, about everything ranging from food services to ID cards. Kappa mentioned the possibility of linking the ID cards to photocopiers, laundry services, and the vending machines. We also talked to him about afternoon snack time at the Pub, and dining dollars at Opus and downtown establishments like Roma's and Tony's.

* We also met the new manager of Barnes and Noble, who spoke about new online textbook registration and by-back policies. She will also be implementing longer hours and ordering more clothes, so check out the new, improved bookstore.

* The position of CCC Chair for next semester is open. Student Assembly elections will begin next week - platforms and petitions for secretary/treasurer and representatives are due to Alex Peltz by Tuesday,

* The Diversity Committee announced an Awareness Day to be held on April 25th. More details will follow, but if you would like to get involved with the event, contact Seth O'Brian.

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On Thursday in an email to the campus, President Tobin announced an agreement between Hamilton College and Pembroke College of Oxford University. The agreement allows for up to five Hamilton juniors to study each year at Pembroke.

The agreement also establishes a foundation for faculty exchange. Each year two Hamilton professors will spend a semester in residence at Pembroke involved in faculty activities there. Twice yearly, two Pembroke senior fellows will spend two weeks at Hamilton, giving lectures and seminars with faculty and students.

Kenan Professor of History Maurice Isserman will be the Pembroke fellow in fall 2001.

Isserman said he will be giving lectures and involved in faculty seminars during the Pembroke term, which lasts from October through mid-December.

Isserman said that his precise role at Pembroke was still in the development stage, since "we're trying to figure out exactly what the relationship is going to be between the two colleges."

Hamilton and Pembroke are also working to develop a second BA program at Oxford University for Hamilton graduates. Second BAs are the United States' equivalent to a master's degree.

Pembroke is one of 39 self-governing colleges comprising the University of Oxford. The retiring president of Pembroke is Robert Stevens, former president of Haverford College and the University of California, Santa Cruz.

On Monday Physical Plant employees discovered water bubbling from a road near the Physical Plant main building. The leak was located above a water main connecting the campus with a million gallon water tank located above campus off College Hill Road.

Physical plant contacted local contractor Murphy Excavating to aid in unearthing the water main feeding the campus. Digging revealed that the source of water was not the water main feeding campus, but in fact a broken drainage pipe overflowing as a result of heavy melting.

Repairs to the drainage piper were completed without interrupting water service to the campus.

Student Damage Report

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4/11	Milbank 21	$35.84	Replace stolen heat sensor
4/11	Exterior Burke	$4,870.48	Repair broken light poles and heads
4/10	Milbank Entry 3	$84.90	Repair broken light cover
4/10	Dunham 301	$197.12	Plugged toilet
4/10	Milbank Entry 4	$8.15	Broken light in laundry room
4/10	Milbank 21	$20.27	Broken globe light socket
4/10	Babbitt Entry 1	$143.36	Tripped fire alarm
4/10	McIntosh	$16.29	Patch broken lounge window
4/10	EELLS 2nd	$15.60	Patch/paint damaged wall outside 225
4/10	EELLS 2nd	$7.80	Patch/paint wall in recycling room
4/5	South	$11.14	Clean-up from broken window in lounge
4/4	North 3rd	$6.94	Replace fire extinguisher
4/4	Bundy East	$10.00	2nd floor; clean up vomit
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Liberal Art - by Matthew Speer '03

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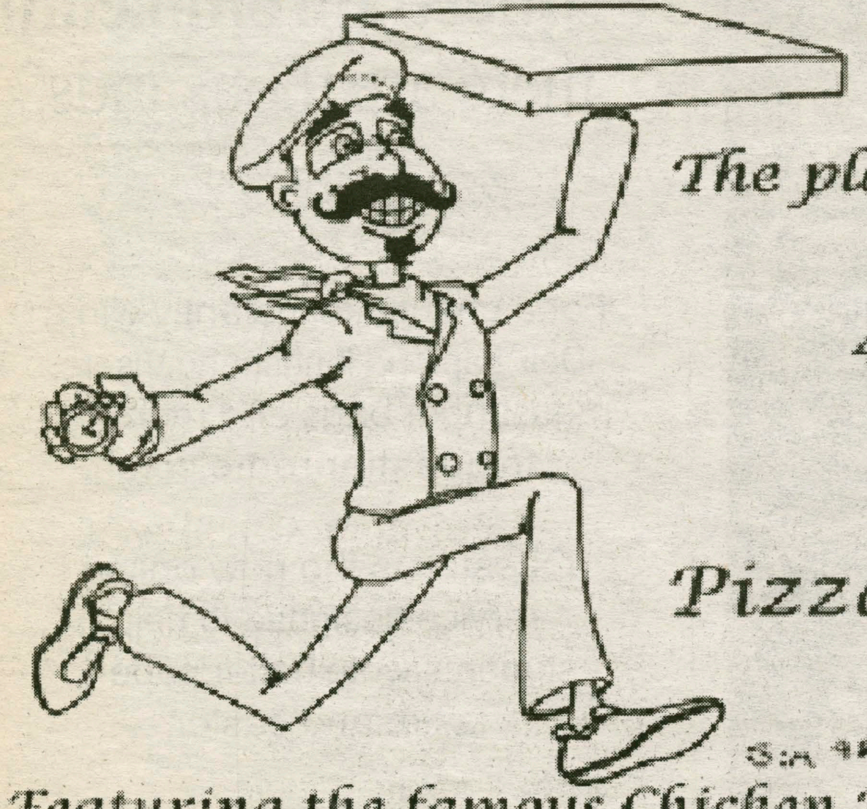

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Editorial

Demonstrations and rallies addressing discrimination over the past semester have brought about discussion and forums leading to the construction of a more cohesive community. Now, with discussion underway, we face a challenge to look at what we can do to further encourage a sense of respect and understanding throughout the Hamilton community.

At a certain point it becomes necessary to take our discussions outside of our comfort zones. A time comes when we need to talk about issues that may make us uncomfortable.

Hamilton has an opportunity to create a day during which students, faculty, and staff can share their experiences, feelings, and thoughts about discrimination. Leaving behind our classes, our day-to-day worries, and our familiar routines, we could tackle issues in a more focused, dedicated, and determined manner than we can through short discussion forums or email barrages.

Students, faculty, and staff will not meet to tackle issues of understanding and respect if we do not ensure that everyone is free from his normal responsibilities. The occasional cancelled class or rained-out practice gives us free time in which we can goof off or work, but it does not often make us probe deep social and moral issues. Freeing members of the college community from all of their daily activities would give them an opportunity to think about the greater significance of their "free time" and the constructive uses for it. A ten-hour block of time, the period from when classes start to when practices end, would require students to take notice of the issues at hand. If alumni weekend or accepted student open house, two events that are not meant to affect students directly, cannot pass without the notice of students, a day of events targeted at fostering communication would certainly receive the attention of most students.

The reality exists that our busiest weeks lay ahead of us. During this time it would be impossible for many students to break away from the paper deadlines, the thesis presentations, the job interviews, and the final exams; however, setting our priorities now for the fall semester should help us to take more extreme steps toward forming a more cohesive community on The Hill. We need to ensure that with the start of a new academic year, we lay a foundation for understanding, respect, and discussion throughout our community. We need to allocate our most precious resource, time, to bring an end to discrimination.

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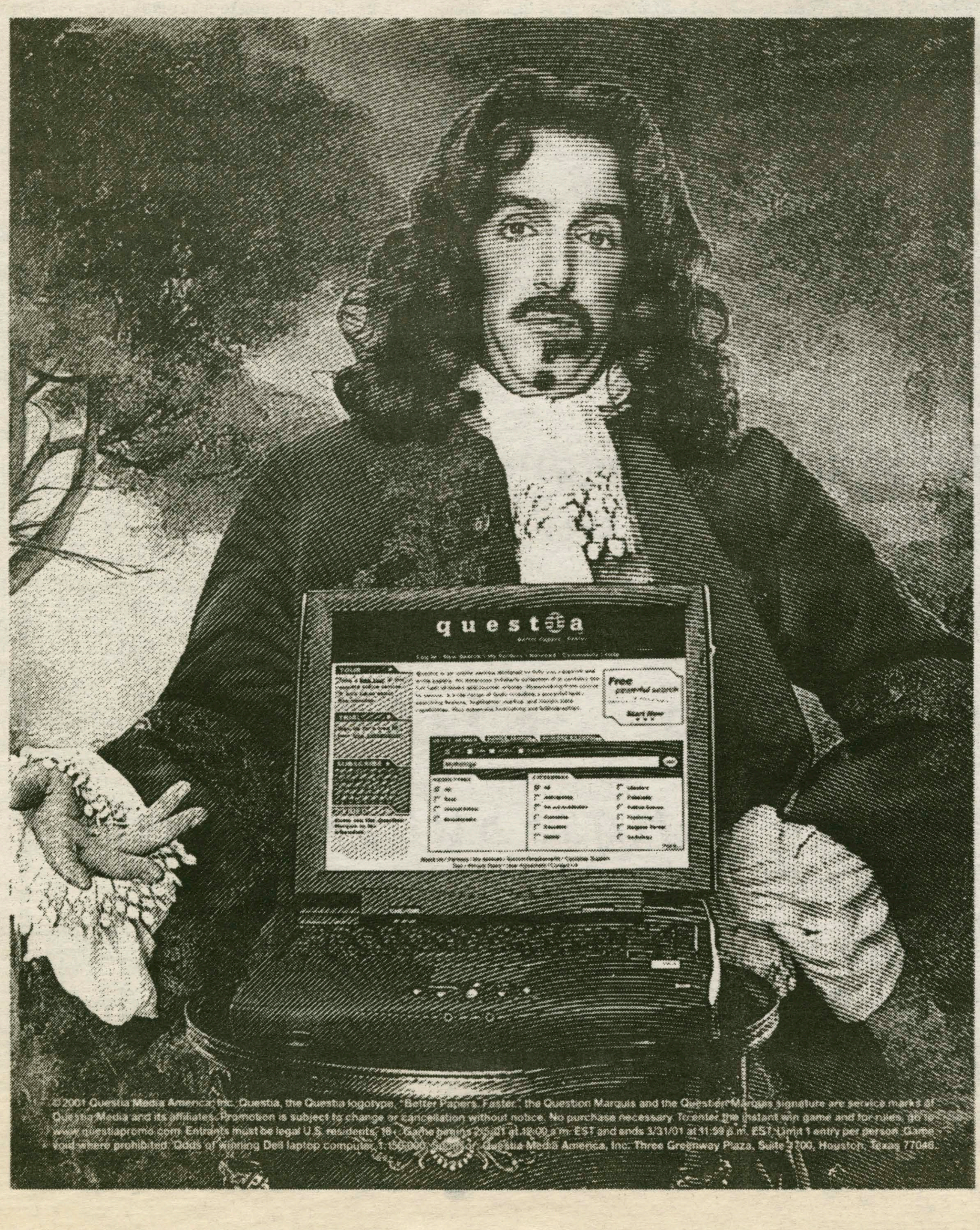

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Insights & Ideas

A Look Back

Seth O'Bryan

Spring is finally here, and as a college senior that means it's almost time to graduate-if all goes according to plan. With the conclusion of my college career staring me down and getting closer day by day, this uncontrollable sense of the end overwhelms me. While the end keeps approaching, we find this need to reflect on the journey we've experienced; the reflection includes the memories, the growth we've experienced, what we've learned, and most of all thinking about the people that have been a part of our lives here.

Most of the time it's a happy memory, I think of the distinct qualities of each person in my life, and I laugh or smile; it's both bittersweet and heartwarming. Sadly though, one part of the reflection is thinking about the people I've lost. In general, that includes people who've graduated and moved on or sometimes people who you no longer talk to or spend time with.

Fortunately although you might not talk to them anymore, they are somewhere else, and their journey is continuing in some other direction. What sticks out in my mind right now is the friends I've lost in death. Their lives have ended, it's not a loss because I don't see them; it's a loss because their journey is over.

All throughout our lives we will lose people, it's inevitable, and there's no easy answer on how to deal with it. Every time someone important to you passes away, you must find your own way of making peace and accepting the truth, and sometimes, it takes a long, long time to make sense of it all and to carry on.

Not only is it hard to lose someone, but it's also hard to watch a friend lose someone close to them, because there is nothing you can do for your friend but show compassion. There is no way to take away his or her pain. It doesn't matter if you are 10 or if you are 70, death is a hard thing to deal with.

My college friends and I lost a good friend of ours to cancer our junior year, Mike Maslyn. Although we don't speak of him often, each of us consistently misses him and we all have our own way of grieving for him. When we talk of a memory that he was a part of or his name gets mentioned in passing, there's this moment of silence that passes over the conversation, and you can see it fill up the air like the fog on a cold and dewy morning. It's strange how talking about death is so taboo, as though we just want to ignore it and pretend it doesn't exist, which I guess is a pretty understandable approach to dealing with it.

You can ask yourself why I'm writing this article, and my answer is easy-my heart says I have to write something about Mike. I really don't know what to say or write, Justin Tyler and I were going to write a joint article about Mike and how the coming end to our college experience makes us think of him a lot, but we couldn't get anywhere on what to write.

As seniors, we are moving on, we are going to go travel the world, get jobs, get married, have kids, all those amazing moments you dream of as you grow up. But in this world and in our memories, Mike is stuck in college. He'll never have the chances we have of getting married, having children, getting old. I don't know, there might be something else up there-out there, but that's beyond our knowledge. We'll never forget Mike, but as the college days come to an end, it's another time we must say goodbye to him in some way.

Death is never easy, and we lose people all throughout the journey, old teammates, best friends, loving pets, professors, peers, and each time you have to watch a part of you pass away. You scratch your head looking for some answer, some people struggle for years trying to make sense of what happened, some people struggle with the guilt that he or she is alive but their friend died, but as hard as it is, we must keep going. One answer or form of peace I've recently discovered relates to the opposite of death, which is birth. A couple months ago, I received the gift of a new baby brother. He is the most beautiful, loving thing. He's so innocent and overwhelming, that it gives me this incredible feeling of meaning and joy.

So as this weekend starts, and either you go home to your family or you go out with your friends to party, treasure those moments, because we don't live forever, and we never know what tomorrow will bring. Too often we take things for granted, too often we complain, and too often we just ignore how much beauty there is; I don't know if the glass is half full or half empty, but nonetheless, the glass is a glass and it has water. We might as well drink it and see what happens.

Most all, don't be afraid to share your journey with someone else, in general people here are friendly, which is awesome, but don't be afraid to say hello to a stranger in passing and make a new friend. I guess my point is that we have these walls and fears that often prevent us from taking chances and we get stuck in our own world. But if we take a look outside of ourselves and see how trivial our fears and arrogance are, we realize fear should never stop you from letting go.

Writing about friends you lose and this deep emotional stuff, it forces you to be honest and appreciative of the people around you. In that I say, I believe in you Hamilton, for all the good and bad, we are something special.

Dorm Talk

J.P. LeBlanc & Justin Tyler

Kirkland. What's the deal? The dorm is like living in a shantytown, let's be honest. It's dirty, dingy and the halls are coated with vomit like dew on a cold spring morn. Fire extinguishers are readily discharged like some sort of 4th of July pyrotechnics spectacular. I once witnessed a manage a cinq (that's 5!) occur in the thrid floor men's shower at 9:15 AM.

Major. Where's your campus damage? You really need to work on that. I will help you one night this week.

Dunham. Much like Kirkland, Dunham sucks. There are freshmen running around everywhere all jacked on hormones, looking for love in all the wrong bathrooms. Most showers have a small pile of feces in them and many of the stairwells are humid with the stench of urine.

South. Freshmen that live in South are the coolest kids on campus, for a week. Most people in South are jerks and drive better cars than your parents. We hate them.

Minor. Much like Major, but with more bicycles. If you are an upperclassman and you live in this dorm. your lottery number was in the six figure range. Come and sleep on my floor, please.

Milbank. If you live in Milbank you are playing beirut, always. If you are not playing beirut you are out buying beer. If you are not buying beer, you are lifting weights. Please don't hurt us.

Babbit. Babbit is kind of like living on Sesame Street except there is more concrete and fewer large yellow animals.

North. North is good. It is Kirkland's better looking cousin. If you are sad go to North.

Downtown. If you enjoy being angry live downtown. If you are not being threatened by townies you are threatening them yourselves. If you live downtown, you may as well just sleep in the VT because that is where you spend all of your time.

Thank you. That is all.

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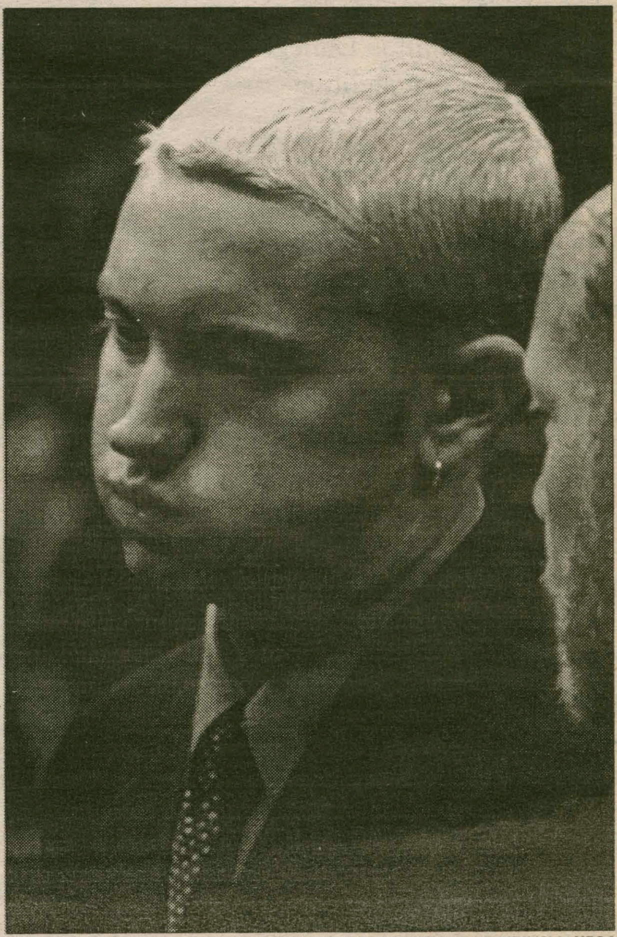

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Role model and rapper Eminem doing an offbeat impression of fellow pop star John Popper during his concealed weapon trial this week.

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Unfinished Business

No doubt, I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. It may be oncoming traffic, but I can certainly see it. The final weeks of my senior year at this school are at hand, but wait — what's this? Do I sense a void? Surely, after 4 years of higher education (Hamilton does, after all, sit atop a hill) and intriguing people

Dan Reitman

(Hamilton boasts more CPSM (Canadians Per Square Meter) than any other NESCAC school), one might think that I'd have had enough of the charms of small-college life, and prepared to stake my claim as a functional member of society, collecting unemployment insurance. Yet, I've recently been made aware of some glaring omissions on this otherwise idyllic campus. I'm just going to jump into these because talk is cheap, and I can't yet compete with "thumbs up/ thumps down", let alone the "overheard quote of the day".

Issue one: where is Jewish representation on our campus chalkboard, Martin's Way? It's Dog Gonned Passover, and not one rant or rave on old Marty! One would think, with the way Moses handled himself and his boys in the desert, his descendants on the Hill would still be fired up, colored chalk in hand. Granted, we probably won't do your laundry, but after millenia of fighting for our lives, I'd like to think we've got something to write about, because sometimes Hollywood doesn't cut it as our chief outlet. Don't get me wrong, though, I love Jesus. Next on my list, and I don't want to rock the boat any more than I already have, is my reaction to something that was said to me recently.

A friend of mine - lets call him "Moses" - informed me that, along with a history of racial exclusivity, single-sex academia, and asking the departing class to cough up for a "gift" in addition to their $120,000 tuition, we have a school song. I KNOW! I was floored. I was about as shocked as when I learned that sauce, indeed, could be simultaneously both sweet AND sour. I was told that the song, "Carrissima", which is Latin for "forgotten but not gone", is sung by our own Buffers, as a nod to our alma mater (or possibly as a ploy for them to get more funding from the school). I can't say I know the lyrics, and the tune escapes me like so many intelligent thoughts, but it's ours, and I'll bet you $50 of your money (mine's Canadian) that the next person you see couldn't sing it. And that, my friends, is tragic.

What do we have as a community if we don't have a common song? The importance I place on music for our community is best reflected in my failed attempt to invigorate my neighborhood by presenting the residents of Elm Street with my own, megaphone-backed rendition of Gloria Estefan's "The Rhythm is Gonna Get You". Was waking up to my neighbors physically harmful to me? Yes. Was it worth the four months sipping eggs? You had better believe it. But moving on...who let the dogs out? Seriously, stray dogs roam our campus. You may even be talking to one right now. These pooches often wait outside commons dining hall, looking malnourished (I believe they call that one "cause and effect"), barking, "do you own me?" or something equally saddening and pathetic. Should we, possibly, allocate the budget alotted to colored chalk towards opening a kennel?

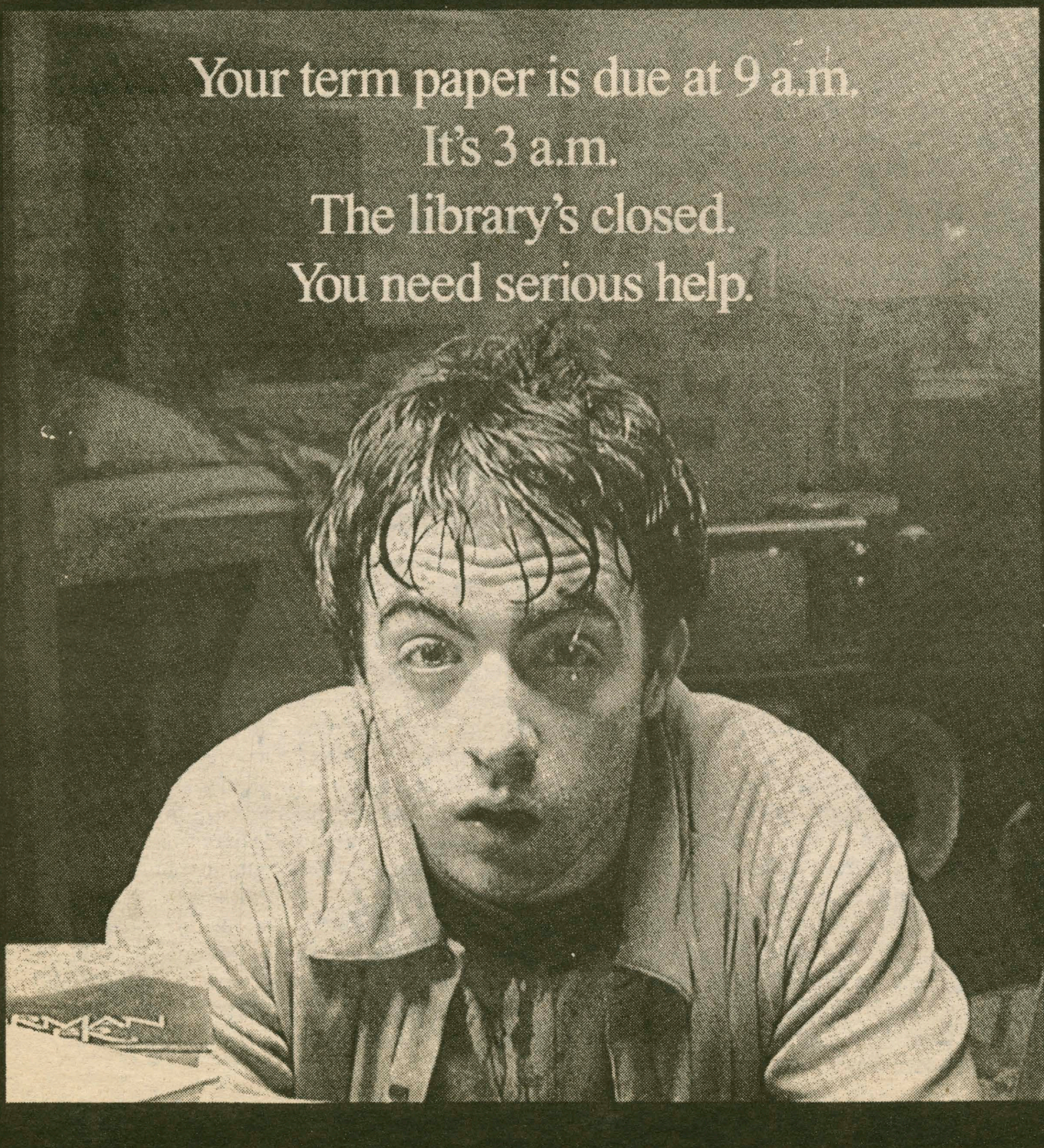
These issues appear to be unresolved, in spite of my pending graduation. I charge the remaining students with getting to the bottom of these campus quandaries. While "more pressing issues" like financial aid, revising curriculum, and cultural diversity may dominate campus discourse, the ones I've mentioned, if left alone, pose a serious threat to the welfare of our campus. Because a neglected song can come back to haunt us, often reincarnated as an aural monstrosity. Seriously, rumor has it that the bulk of Milli Vanilli's repertoire consisted of neglected college hymns. Ouch.

Thumbs Up

- Krispy Kreme.
- Having the free time to go on a drinking binge almost as long as Chanukah.
- Self-medication.
- "You gonna grab on me, I'm gonna grab on you."
- Topper giving out free trips to Thailand at Don's Rok

Thumbs Down

- The person who thinks the campus is their BMW-X5's personal parking lot.
- Getting a haircut for the sole purpose of avoiding a mullet.
- The nazi cheese guy at Commons.
- Questia.com for abandoning the Question Marquis before he really had a chance.
- Kids from Virginia, especially those in the way of your staking out.



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Arts & Entertainment

Just Visiting is sleeper hit of year

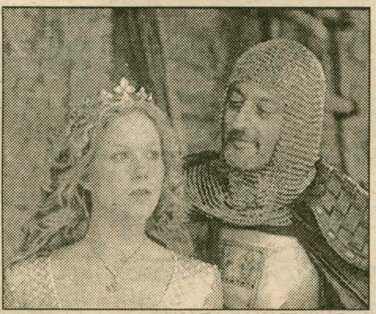
by JP LeBlanc '01
A&E EDITOR

Perhaps the surprise sleeper hit of the year, *Just Visiting* is a cinematic masterpiece. Written and directed by French mastermind Jean-Marie Poire, *Just Visiting* is considered an early Oscar favorite for 2002. With its tasty cinematography and dazzling special effects, the motion picture is a treat for all ages.

The movie stars Jean Reno (*The Professional*) as Count Thibault, who summons a wizard in order to correct a terrible tragedy. Instead, the wizard maliciously sends Thibault and his faithful servant Andre into present-day Chicago. This is where the fun really begins. You see, Andre and Thibault are dumb–so dumb that it takes them a while to realize they are not in the fiery pits of hell after all. When their lack of intelligence is juxtaposed with today's technology, accidents are bound to happen.

Along the way Thibault encounters Julia Malfete (Christina Applegate), whom he mistakes for his long lost love. She attends to his needs, and along the way Count Thibault teaches her a thing or two about herself. Tara Reid deserves a nod for her strong performance as the sultry gardener. Because of Thibault's presence, Ms. Malfete gets the courage to hit her cheating husband in the balls with a sword. At about this time I had to go to the bathroom, so I missed five minutes. When I came back, however, everyone was laughing, so I bet that part was quite entertaining. Only later did I realize that someone in the front row had let one rip, but I still must assume that I missed a funny part because everything else in the film quenched my humorous thirst.

The real star of the film is Andre, played by co-writer Christian Clavier. He plays a bumbling servant better than anyone in recent memory. I almost blew my tasty slurpee out my nose when Andre wreaked havoc on a French restaurant. Those crazy Frenchmen!



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Reno sweeps Applegate off her feet in *Just Visiting*.

If you are going to see this film, as I strongly suggest you do, don't see the matinee. Often times matinees are full of lying, malevolent cheapskates who bring their own bags of food into the theatre. They often bring loud paper bags that rustle because they are too cheap to purchase plastic baggies. And they damn well do not eat any silent foods like water or soggy cookies. Those are too pricey; instead, they fill their swollen, saggy bellies with pork rinds and greasy chips. However, any show after 6:30 p.m. is adequate.

Just Visiting is a touching, hilarious film that everyone can enjoy. Also, if you are going on a first date, bring her to *Just Visiting* and laugh really hard, even if the parts aren't that funny. That way, she'll think you have a really good sense of humor.

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Thibalt's servant Andre, played by co-writer Christian Clavier, brings great comedy to the film.

Depp makes *Blow* a must see

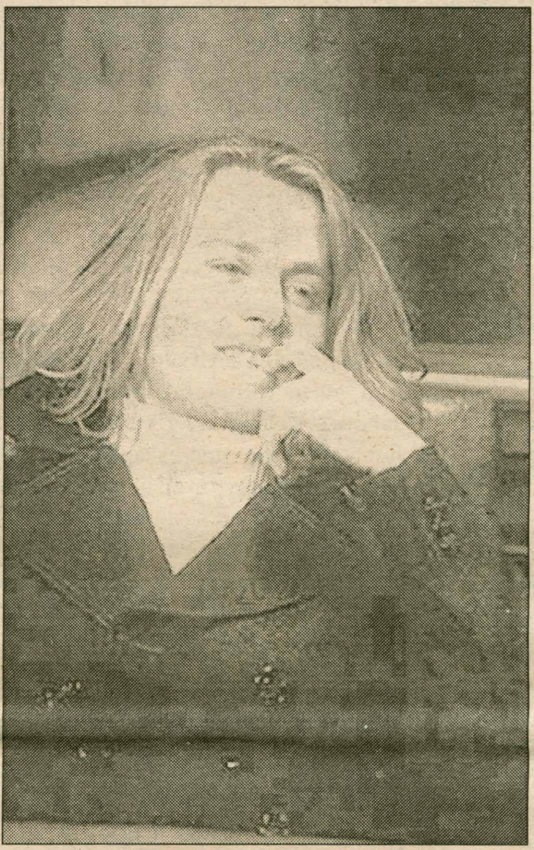
by Priyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

Blow is the fast-paced account of America's first cocaine dealer, George Jung. He is credited with introducing cocaine to Hollywood in the '60s and '70s. Starring Johnny Depp, this film is an exhilarating depiction of the rise and fall of one of the most deviously clever men in recent history.

The film consists of a series of flashbacks, starting with Jung's childhood in New England. Though hard-working, his father (Ray Liotta) cannot seem to make ends meet. This is a constant source of irritation for his overbearing, money-obsessed mother (Rachel Griffiths). This endless conflict instills in Jung's mind the importance of money, and he vows never to be poor.

Cut to California, where Jung and his best friend Tuna (Ethan Supplee) establish themselves by selling marijuana. With the help of his stewardess girlfriend Barbara (Franka Potente) and her friend Derek Foreal (Paul Reubens), Jung expands his operation to the East Coast, where rich, preppy college kids are willing to pay top dollar. But two things change his life forever: he loses Barbara to cancer and gets caught for possession and intent to distribute marijuana.

In jail he meets the crazed Diego (Jordi Molla), who introduces him to the brighter, richer world of cocaine. Jung establishes himself in Colombia with the notorious Pablo Escobar and becomes America's candy man. At the same time he marries the untamed, fiery Mirtha (Penelope Cruz), and life is seemingly perfect– until he loses it all.



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Johnny Depp gives an Oscar-worthy performance as George Jung in Ted Demme's film *Blow*.

Directed by Ted Demme, Blow is an honest and real look at the life of an unappealing character. Depp is brilliant in this role. Cocky, unsure, human, and hard as nails, Depp gives Jung a sympathetic edge, which is the crux of the film. His performance is captivating and appealing (with the exception of the tacky wigs). Ray Liotta is convincing as the dominated and loving father. Griffiths's portrayal of Jung's mother is grating. Cruz, though stunning, has absolutely no role and is wasted in this film. German actress Franka Potente is extremely charismatic.

Blow's biggest weakness lies in the fact that unlike its predecessor, *Traffic*, it is directed toward the box office. The sympathy angle is overplayed, making the film more mushy than hard-hitting. Sex, drugs, and violence are the core of this film, and despite its flaws, it creates a high-power, taut atmosphere.

Live at Hamilton: The John Abercrombie Trio

by Matt Lerish '02
A&E GUEST WRITER

Legendary guitarist John Abercrombie will be performing at the Bristol Hub with his trio on Thursday, April 20th.

Although most critics and record stores would classify Abercrombie's music as jazz, his style seems to transcend all labels with its inventive, ethereal, and distinctly personal sound. It is a sound that will appeal to the jazz aficionados and hard rockers, as well as all you folk and classical listeners. Simply put, anyone who enjoys good live music should not miss this show.

John Abercrombie was born in Greenwich, Connecticut and began playing guitar at the age of fourteen. He attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, playing frequently in the local bars and clubs. Soon Abercrombie was touring with Johnny Hammond Smith, honing his craft and making musical contacts that would benefit his future career.

At about this time Abercrombie was invited to play with Michael and Randy Brecker on their newest project, a group by the name of *Dreams*. He appeared on their Columbia debut, entitled *Dreams*. Soon afterwards Abercrombie headed to New York City, arguably the jazz capital of America. In little time he was doing session work with the likes of Gil Evans, Gato Barbieri, Barry Miles, and other legendary jazz musicians and composers. Next, Abercrombie took the guitar chair in Billy Cobham's fusion group, with whom he recorded three albums. The band, which included Randy and Michael Brecker, found itself playing to sold out arenas alongside rock bands such as the Doobie Brothers.

Not long after, Abercrombie signed with the ECM label and released his first album as a headman, *Timeless*. The album, which featured Jan Hammer on keys and Jack DeJohnette on drums, was a huge success. *Timeless* was followed by one of Abercrombie's greatest trio recordings.

Gateway, was released in 1975, the groundbreaking trio with the same name as the album, and included Dave Holland on bass and Jack DeJohnette on drums. The music contained on the album is daring yet soulful, blending free-jazz, blues, and bop with atmospheric tonal colors. Gateway continues to play on an irregular basis and has recorded three other albums together.

In the following years Abercrombie recorded many albums and performed live as both a leader and sideman alongside some of the greatest musicians in jazz, including Charles Lloyd, Ralph Towner, Jack DeJohnette, Marc Johnson, and Peter Erskine.

see Abercrombie on page 11

WHCL Top Albums

1] Bingo Trappers
Juanita Ave.
Animal World

2] The Lucksmiths
Why that doesn't surprise me
Drive-In

3] Red House Painters
Old Ramon
Sub Pop

4] Kleenex Girl
Wonder Smith
MOC

5] The Sixth Great Lake
The Country
Kindercore

6] Spoon
Girls Can Tell
Merge

7] Ashley Stove
All Summer Long
Merge

8] Minders
Golden St.
SpinArt

9] Matt Pond PA
I Thought You Were Sleeping
File 13

10] Rainer Maria
A Better Version of Me
Polyvinyl

11] Momus
Folktronic
Le Grand Magestry

12] Pete Yorn
Songs for the Morning After
Sony/Columbia

13] Kristen Hersh
Sunny Border Blue
4AD/Beggars

14] [various]
Audio Resume
Cavity Search

15] Stephen Malkmus
self-titled
Matador

16] [various]
The Emo Diaries
Deep Elm

17] Hefner
We Love the City
Too Pure

18] Ataris
End is Forever
Kung Fu

19] Benjamins
Art of Dissapointment
Drive-Thru

20] BS2000
Simply Mortified
Grand Royal

21] Poor, Rich Ones
Happy, Happy, Happy
Five One Inc.

22] Crushed Stars
Self-Navigation

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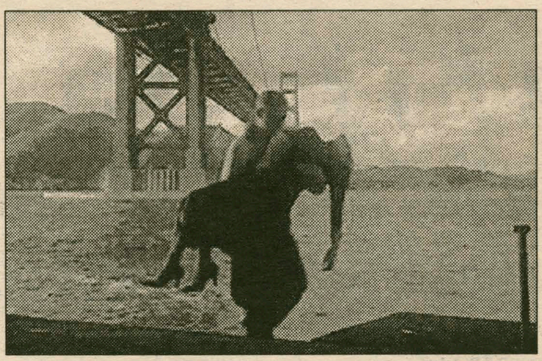

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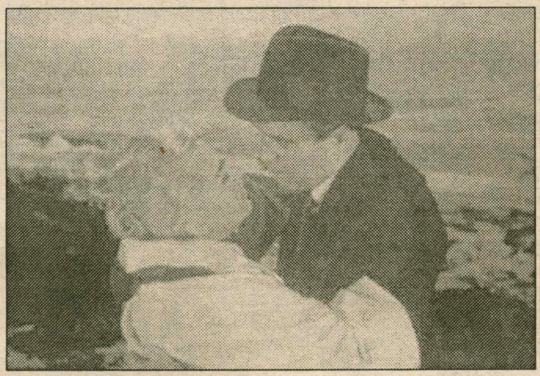

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Spy Kids
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Someone Like You
5:05 7:10 9:20

Heartbreakers
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Enemy At The Gates
4:40 7:15 9:50

Bridget Jones's Diary
5:15 7:25 9:35

Josie & The Pussycats
5:10 7:10 9:15

Adventures of Joe Dirt
4:35 7:00 9:00

Abercrombie to Perform at Hamilton

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His latest release *Open Land* features Dan Wall on organ, Adam Nussbaum on drums, Mark Feldman on violin, Kenny Wheeler on trumpet, and Joe Lovano on saxophone. The album features original compositions by Abercrombie, showcasing his own skill as writer and performer, while providing spacious and rich undercurrents for all the musicians to stretch out over.

Abercrombie will be appearing at Hamilton with a trio consisting of drummer Adam Nussbaum and Hammond B-3 organist Dan Wall. Come down to the hub and see some of jazz's most unique and skilled players doing their thing. You won't be disappointed.

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Features

Fulbright Scholarship will send Barash to Iceland

by Elizabeth Rabe '04
FEATURES WRITER

Jed Barash, a member of the class of 2001, recently won a J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship. Barash will spend next year studying "The Role of Manganese and Copper in the Imitation of Sporadic scrapie" at the University of Iceland in capital city Reykjavik.

Indeed, earning a Fulbright scholarship is a great honor for Barash. Student Fellowship Coordinator Virginia Dosch remarked that "this is a big deal, [because] Fulbright scholarships are highly competitive." Barash has excelled here at Hamilton. Dosch exclaimed that she "could not say enough wonderful things about him."

Barash is a government major and a pre-medical school student. During his junior year Barash participated in the Semester in Washington program and worked for Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut. Over his collegiate summers, he worked in scientific laboratories at Yale University and at the Uniformed Services University of Health-Science Medical School. As Dosch noted, Barash "is an example of a person making use of all of the offerings at Hamilton College."

After his year of study in Iceland, Barash hopes to attend medical school. Of course, Barash is looking forwardto the opportunities granted to him by the Fulbright Scholarship. Barash enthusiastically remarked, "I am really excited about next year."

Each year, the Fulbright Scholarship program provides funding to about 2,000 post-baccalaureate students, post-doctoral students, and professors. With these scholarships, winners can teach at the university level, conduct advanced research, study at the graduate level, or teach in elementary or secondary schools in 140 different countries. According to the Fulbright homepage, the purpose of this scholarship is to "promote cross cultural interaction and mutual understanding on a person-to-person basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom."

To achieve these goals, the United States State Department sponsors the scholarship, which is overseen by the Institute of International Education. The Institute of International Education is a private, non-profit organization that works for peace through education. IIE was founded in 1912 in part by Secretary of State Elihu Root, a famous Hamilton graduate. To promote the creation of the program, Root argued that there could be "no lasting peace without understanding." In particular, the Fulbright Scholarship is named after Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright, who proposed the program in 1946.

After the destruction of World War II, Fulbright wanted to create a program that would provide "a step towards building an alternative to war." Through cultural and educational exchange, he hoped the program would "foster mutual understanding among nations." Indeed, the scholarship has done this through its exchange of students. Barash will continue this tradition of cultural and educational exchange by working with researchers at the University of Iceland Veterinary and Pathology Lab. This research lab is trying to determine the cause of the scrapie disease in rams.

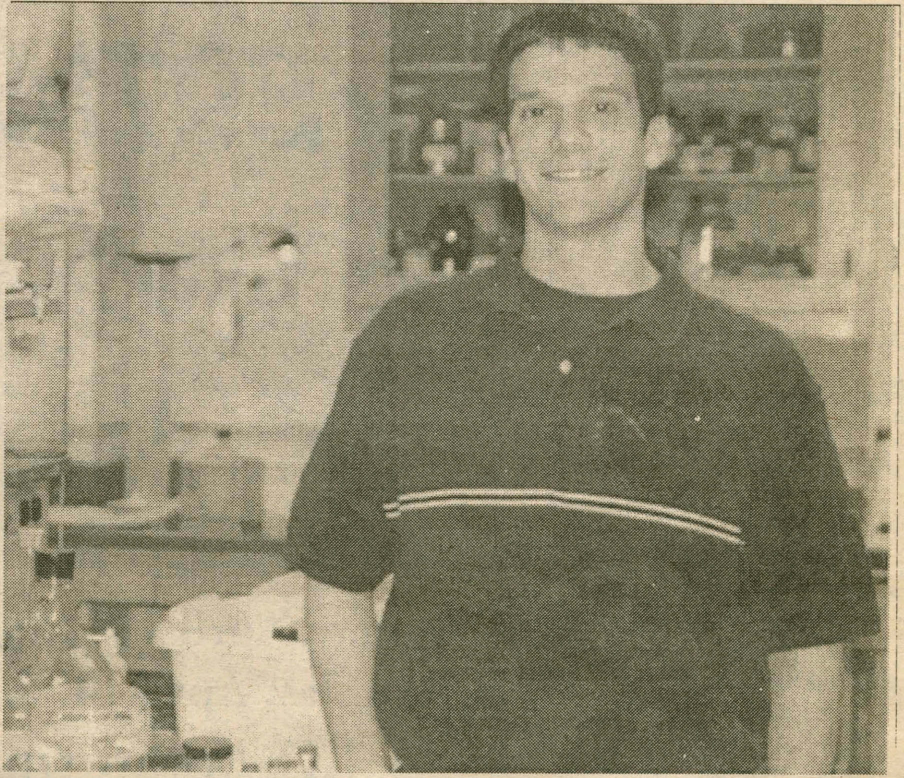

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Jed Barash '01 will travel to Iceland next fall with a Fulbright fellowship to study the causes of a disease called scrapie, which affects rams.

According to Barash, scrapie is a neurological disease that causes "extreme itching in sheep." This itching leads sheep to rub against fences and "scrape off large portions of their skin." It is a member of the same family of prion diseases as Mad Cow Disease and Creudzfeldt Jakob disease. Scientists in Iceland have developed a hypothesis as to the cause of this disease. According to Barash, they have hypothesized that the cause of scrapie is "a specific mineral imbalance of manganese and copper in the environment."

These researchers believe that manganese is taking the place of copper in the prion protein. The manganese then changes the formation of the protein. This altered protein "breeds toxic free radicals that kill nervous tissue cells," explained Barash. This causes neurological problems. In the lab Barash will work to test this hypothesis. Barash stated that he will be "taking samples of blood and tissue from three groups of rams," which will include rams with scrapie, rams without scrapie, and rams that live in close proximity to rams with scrapie. He will then "analyze the tissue for levels of copper and manganese." Hopefully, this research will prove correct the hypothesis of the Icelandic scholars.

To earn this great research opportunity, Barash competed in a tough process for the Fulbright scholarship. Barash had to write a 5 to 7 page proposal, have an interview, and write a personal statement, in which he answered the questions "why I wanted to do this, what would I gain from the experience, and why I wanted to study in Iceland."

His application also had to pass through a local, national, and host country screening committee.

In the future Student Fellowship Coordinator Virginia Dosch hopes that more students will consider applying for Fulbright Scholarships and other grants like Barash did. As Dosch noted, it is "never too early to start looking" at post-graduate fellowship and scholarship programs.

Other programs include the Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship, the William M. Bristol, Jr. Fellowship, the Marshall Scholarship, the Rhodes Scholarship, and numerous others.

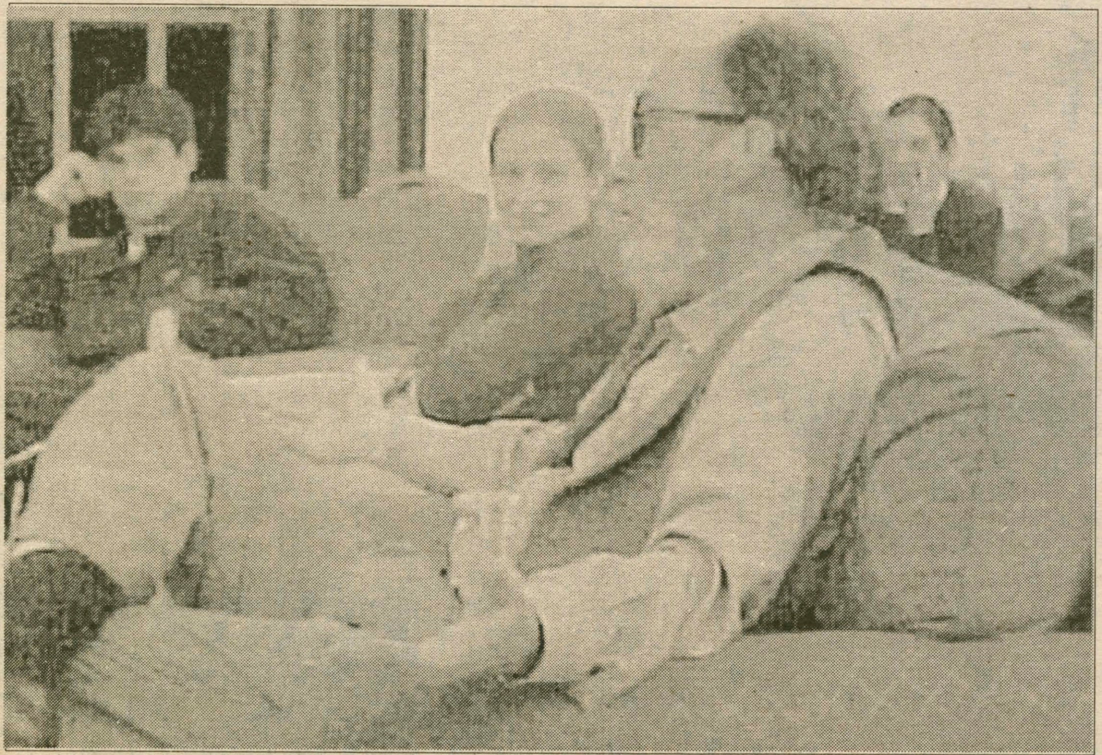

PHOTO BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

Pulitzer Prize-winner Henry Allen '63 read from his book, *What it Felt Like*, Wednesday evening in the Dwight Lounge. The latest *Spectator* seminar speaker, Allen is an editor for the *Washington Post*.

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Alexander Hamilton Conference takes a look at his life; brings scholars, notoriety to the Hill

by Cristen Sargent '01
FEATURES EDITOR

From "the man who made the twentieth century the 'American century'" to "the bastard brat of a Scotch peddler," these descriptions given at the Hamilton Conference demonstrate that the life of Alexander Hamilton is significant, contested, and often misunderstood.

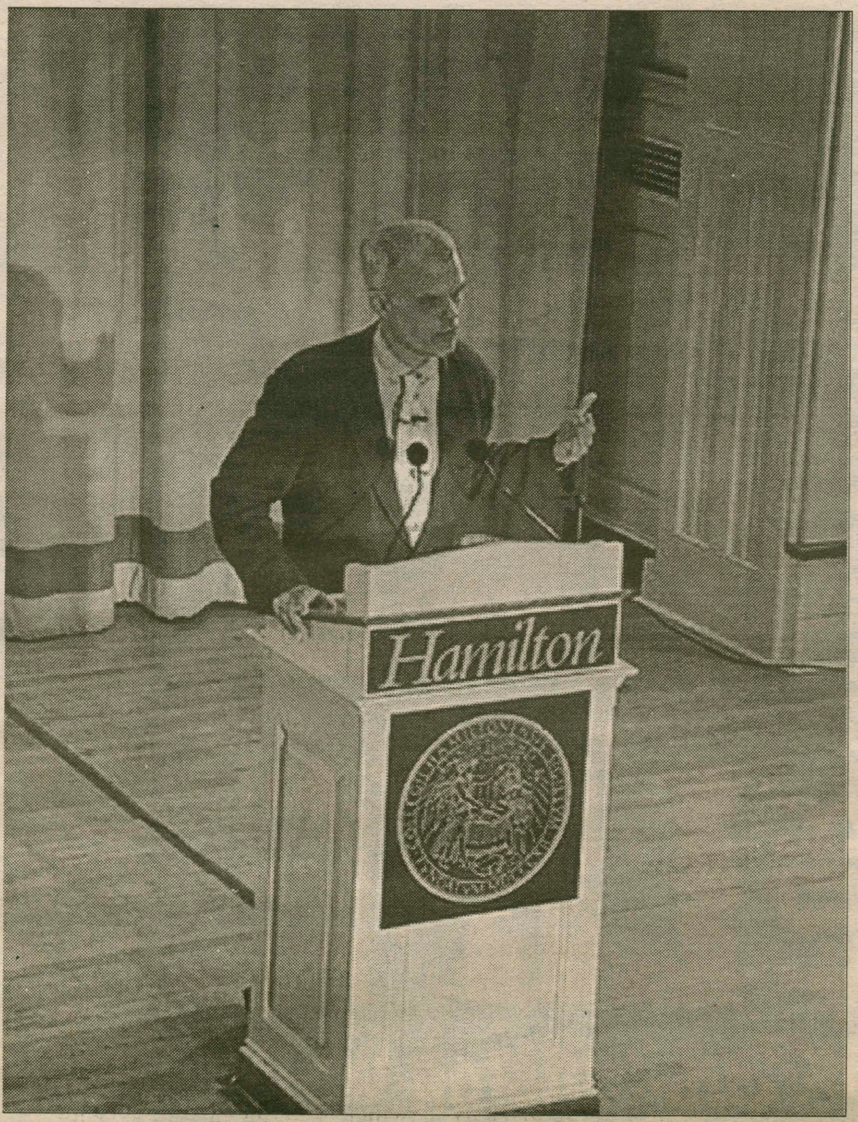
Twenty scholars, brought together by Associate Professor of History Douglas Ambrose, convened on the Hill from April 5-7 for a conference that would "explore the life and legacy of Alexander Hamilton," as named.

"The conference was a resounding success," said Robert Paquette, professor of American history and one of the organizers. "The participants brought to light both to the campus and academic community aspects of the life of one of the most important founders."

The conference consisted of four sessions: "Hamilton and the Dilemmas of Slavery in the Young Republic"; "Hamilton and Domestic Policy"; "Hamilton's Legacy"; and "Hamilton and His Contemporaries." At each session three scholars presented papers and another gave his comments before the panel opened to questions and discussion from the audience. Audience numbers ranged from 30 to more than 80 and included students, faculty, area high schoolers, amateur historians, and alumni.

In addition to the panels, other events included a keynote address by Richard Brookhiser, author of a seminal biography of Hamilton, on Thursday evening and an exhibit in the Burke Library. Randall Ericson, college librarian, arranged the exhibit, which featured Hamilton's laptop desk and papers on loan from The Bank of New York and from the library's own collection.

Among the many points emphasized throughout the weekend were America's lukewarm sentiment toward Hamilton and a reputation that has alternately risen and fallen since his death.



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Richard Brookhiser, author of *Alexander Hamilton, American and Founding Father*, a recent biography of the College's namesake, spoke to a packed Chapel last Thursday evening. C-SPAN was on hand to tape the lecture for its *Booknotes* segment.

"There is an American hesitation toward embracing Alexander Hamilton, because it is easier to love a poet than a banker," said Steven Knott, associate professor of political science at the U.S. Air Force Academy at the Saturday morning session.

Scholars generally agree that Hamilton's significant accomplishments include establishing the economy, the federal judiciary, the army and navy, and the president's role as commander in chief. He was a nationalist living in a time of regional and local identities, John Diggins, professor of history at CUNY Graduate Center, told those gathered Saturday morning. Hamilton was progressive for his condemnation of slavery in the new republic.

Despite these contributions, however, Hamilton's legacy has often rested in the shadow of the "trinity" of Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln. His reputation faltered specifically because of his diametric opposition to Thomas Jefferson regarding almost every issue the founding fathers faced, Ambrose said. As nostalgia for Jefferson grew, Hamilton's status in popular memory foundered. Always something of a misfit, Hamilton was killed in 1804 during a duel with then vice president Aaron Burr.

Brookhiser emphasized during his keynote lecture that we should not focus on the duel as the defining event of Hamilton's biography. Brookhiser himself spoke on the duel at great length.

Although "Hamilton's reputation has not been as especially good one," according to Knott, Ambrose asserted that his reputation is currently on the rise. "We wanted to focus on panels that reflected young, current scholarship," he said.

"I thought the parts of the conference that I attended were good, especially the keynote speaker, Richard Brookhiser, because he talked all about Hamilton," said Rachel Stanton '04. "It was fun to listen to everyone argue, to see the professors either accept the criticism or say they disagree. I thought it was a great idea for the college to host this conference because it's good to know about who the school is named after. I didn't know much about Alexander Hamilton before." Stanton is a member of Paquette's history class on the Old South, which attended Friday morning's session on Hamilton and slavery.

"I would have liked to have seen more students participating, but many of the events took place on Friday while they were in class, so it's understandable.

"There is an elegant memorial in Washington to Jefferson, but none to Hamilton. However, if you seek Hamilton's monument, look around. You are living in it. We honor Jefferson, but live in Hamilton's country."

— George Will, columnist, Washington Post

The conference brought guest speakers and academics to campus that our students wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to know of, let alone have a conversation with," Danelle Parker, assistant director of administrative services, said.

"Our hope was to confront important issues that concern current scholarship," said Paquette. "The discussion was dynamic and feisty–it brought together scholars of several disciplines with multiple perspectives."

The origin of the conference, Ambrose explained, rested with Trustee Carl Menges's '51 passion for history, specifically for our country's founding. Ambrose, Paquette, and Menges spoke about the fact that there's not a whole lot of awareness of the founding father at his namesake institution and discussed ways to address the deficiency. Paquette specifically suggested the idea of a national conference that would highlight Hamilton's life and legacy. Paquette had hosted a successful major conference here in 1991 on European expansion and the Lesser Antilles, Ambrose said.

Menges would provide the financial resources for the Conference, Ambrose would find

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participants and arrange them into panels, and Paquette would advise them on conference logistics. Sharon Rippey, director of media relations, and Dannelle Parker were soon brought on board to arrange publicity, invitations, and travel.

"This was a real collaborative effort to promote the intellectual credibility of the college," Ambrose said. Organizers have received a plethora of praise and appreciation from panel participants, many of whom called the Hamilton conference the most professional and rewarding they'd attended.

"Everything went marvelously well," Parker said. "Both the participants and the speakers seemed to enjoy being on campus, because I heard nothing but positive feedback. People from the community have already called, asking if we'll do something like this again."

In fact, Ambrose and his team are committed to hosting some sort of an event every four years. Ideas include an occasional conference on some theme related to the founding of the country and an annual lectureship that would bring a 'founding" scholar such as Brookhiser to campus. "We'd like to do something for the 200th anniversary of the duel, in 2004," he said.

But in the meantime, Ambrose is still enjoying the fruits of this first success.

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The Science Page

Spring break in the rainforest

by Peter Brunette '02
SCIENCE WRITER

For spring break the eight students of Biology 437, Tropical Field Ecology, accompanied Associate Professor of Biology Bill Pfitsch on a field trip to Costa Rica. The excursion served to teach the Biology 437 students the methodology of tropical fieldwork and to give them first-hand experience with the tropics.

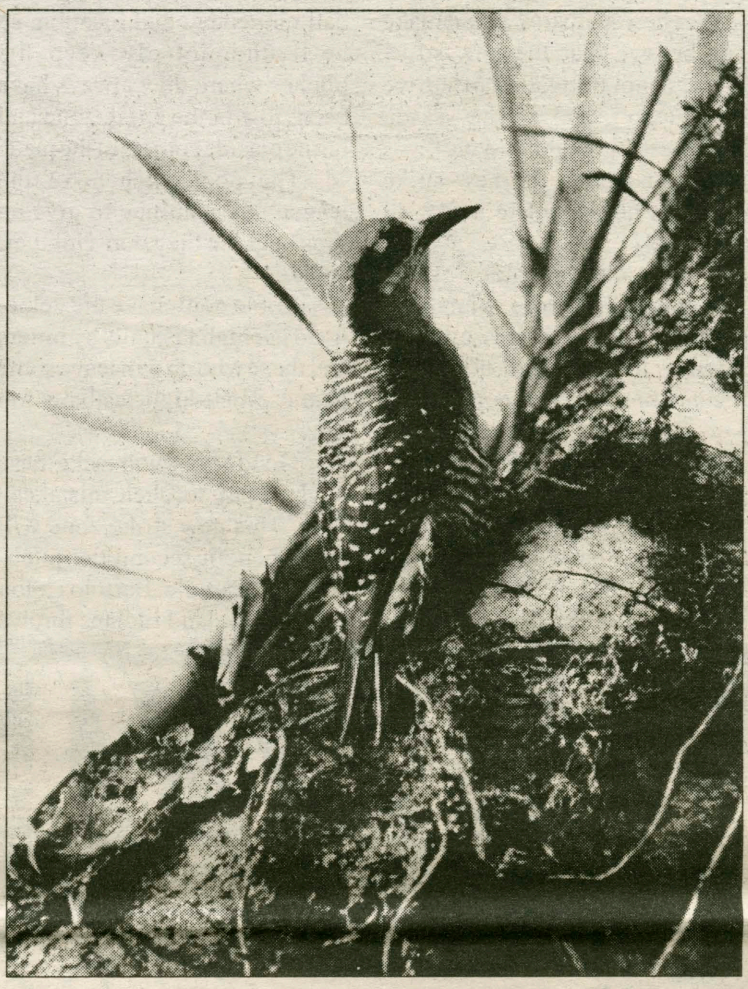
Biology 437 is a hands-on field course. It is designed around the trip to Costa Rica, with the first half of the semester dedicated to learning about tropical ecosystems and generating research proposals for the trip. The second half is devoted to analyzing the data collected in Costa Rica and interpreting the results.

The class visited two different biological sites in Costa Rica. Palo Verde, a 20,000-hectare tropical dry-forest, is located in the Guanacaste Province on the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica. The second site, La Selva, is a 1,600-hectare tropical rainforest located in the lowlands of northern Costa Rica. Both stations are operated by the Organization for Tropical Studies, an international consortium concerned with "education, research, and responsible use of natural resources in the tropics."

Tropical dry-forests like the one at Palo Verde have a pronounced dry season, during which there is no precipitation for half of the year. During the rainy season the forest receives about the same amount of precipitation as New York State does on an annual basis. Despite the harsh conditions of the dry season, dry-forests still have a diversity of flora and fauna far greater than the forests of New York State.

The tropical rainforest of Costa Rica is exactly what comes to mind when one thinks of a stereotypical rainforest. There exists a diverse community of flora and fauna, all living in a lush habitat. Sightings of bright blue Morpho butterflies, toucans, and three different species of monkeys are quite common.

The Biology 437 class visited two biological reserves while in Costa Rica: the 20,000-hectare Palo Verde dry-forest and the 1,600-hectare La Selva tropical rainforest.



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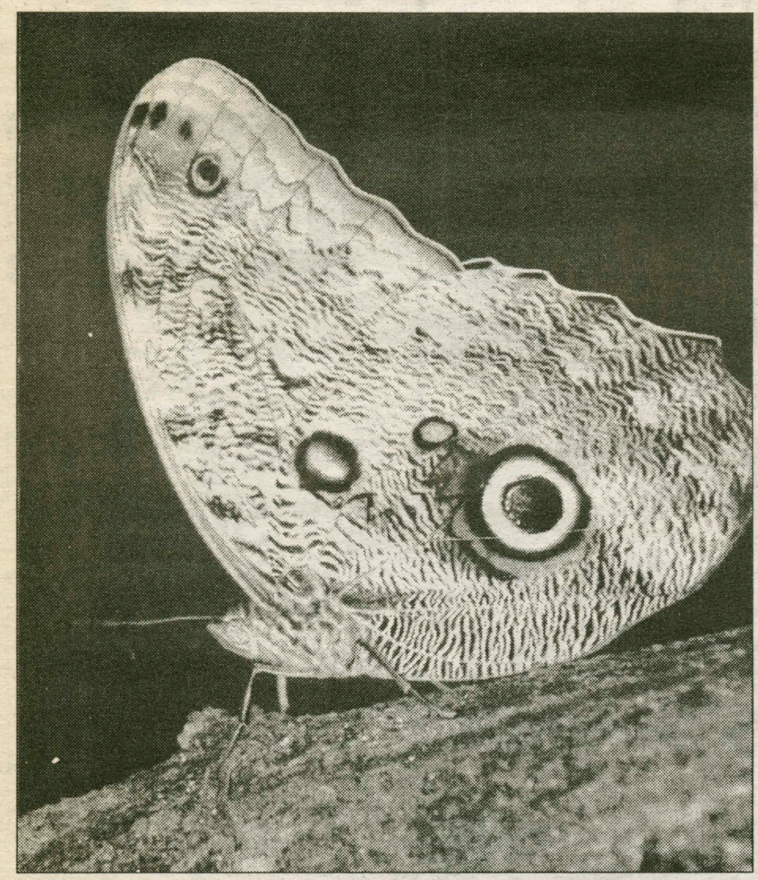

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Above: A picture of the Blue Morpho butterfly, taken in the La Selva Biological Station.

The experiments performed by the Tropical Field Ecology Class in Costa Rica included monitoring the water drinking habits of local fauna, evaluating biological diversity within a rain forest, and studying the foraging patterns and hormone trails of leaf cutter ants.

In the Palo Verde reserve, the month of March is hot and dry. As all of the freshwater streams are seasonal, animals may seek water at only a few watering holes during the dry season. The class performed an experiment to determine whether the temperature affects when animals drink water by monitoring a watering hole in Palo Verde for three days. They found a correlation between temperature and the number of animals that visited the water hole: as temperature increased, so did the number of animals that visited the water hole.

In the tropical rainforest at La Selva, the class performed many experiments. They collected leaf-litter from clear cut areas of forests at different stages of regrowth to see how biological diversity changes with succession. The class also studied the foraging patterns and hormone trails of leaf cutter ants, the colonization of epiphylls (plants such as mosses, lichens, and algae) on plant leaves, and the relationship between herbivory and successional time. Most of this data has yet to be analyzed.

The consensus of students was that the trip was invaluable to the course, even though their spring break was spent in class instead of relaxing on the beach.

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That's right–only 3 weeks left to write for the Science Page! E-mail *spec@hamilton.edu* if you have any desire whatsoever to write for the Science Page.

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"2000-2001 Ralph E. and Doris M. Hansmann Lecture in Science: Gravitational Waves: A New Window to the Universe" Presented by Gabriela Gonzalez of Pennsylvania State University Monday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Kirner-Johnson Auditorium

Biology

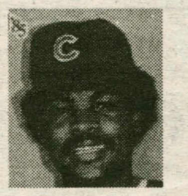
"The World of Genomics" Presented by Lorraine Flaherty, Director of the Genomics Institute Monday, April 16 at 4:10 p.m. in the Science Auditorium *Refreshments will be served at 4:00 p.m.*

New MLB strike zone to help out pitchers

Last year, Major League Baseball had 16 players hit 40 or more home runs and 18 players drive in 120 or more runs.

Matthew R. Olney

The Thad Bosley Files



At the same time, only 21 pitchers had earned run averages under 4.00.

These tremendous offensive numbers and weak pitching statistics spurred the league to expand the strike zone for the 2001 season.

Umpires are now to call pitches that are a little above the belt strikes, pitches that were called balls last year.

So far the new strike zone has not abated offensive dominance.

Already five players have five or more home runs and 14 players have 10 or more RBI's.

Some of these players off to very hot starts, like Mark Grudzielanek and Paul O'Neill, and are sure to taper off as the season progresses.

Others, like Juan Gonzalez and Carlos Delgado, are genuine hitters who will continue to produce these impressive numbers no matter the strike zone.

These statistics would make us believe that the new strike zone is not mitigating offensive production, and as the season progresses, maybe it won't.

But I think the new strike zone is not meant to affect all pitchers.

The elite pitchers of the league, like Pedro Martinez, Greg Maddux, Kevin Brown and Randy Johnson, will not be affected positively or negatively.

They will be dominant regardless.

The strike zone could be the size of an acorn and Martinez would still have an ERA under 3.00.

Maddux tested the new strike zone in Spring Training and found that hitters are more vulnerable to the lower pitches.

Maddux does not overpower hitters, and so a high strike is nothing but an unnecessary risk for him.

He will not be able to throw a belt high strike by batters like Pedro and Johnson.

He relies on speed changes, ball movement and location, so he'll undoubtedly keep his pitches where they always have been: low in the strike zone and on the outside corners of the plate.

The poor pitchers of the league will continue to give up runs because they don't hit their spots.

Some don't have the velocity to get high fastballs by hitters and those who do will leave some of those belt-high fastballs too low.

Good hitters will make these pitchers pay for their mistakes.

This new strike zone will really benefit second tier pitchers. For example, Bartolo Colon of the Cleveland Indians throws extremely hard (his fastball has been clocked at 99 mph).

If umpires are calling strikes above the belt, hitters will not be able to catch up to Colon's fastball.

This will not only become his out pitch, but it will make his breaking ball more effective.

Another pitcher that will benefit from the new strike zone is Tim Hudson of the Oakland Athletics.

He will be able to blow his fastball past batters with the high strike and use his effective breaking ball to catch hitters off guard.

Overall, the league will still see its share of runs, and many pitchers' ERAs will remain sky high, but this new strike zone will certainly help out some pitchers.

If the league really wants to make the game less offensive, maybe they should stop building ballparks that are 318 to the left and right field foul poles.

Every night, routine fly balls soar out of Enron Field in Houston and brand new Miller Park in Milwaukee faster than Daryl Strawberry runs from the cops.

Either way, one thing is for sure. People do not flock to the ballpark to see a pitcher's duel.

Fans want runs, and if for some reason offensive numbers do radically drop in the next few weeks, we will see this new strike zone slowly shrink back to where it was last year.

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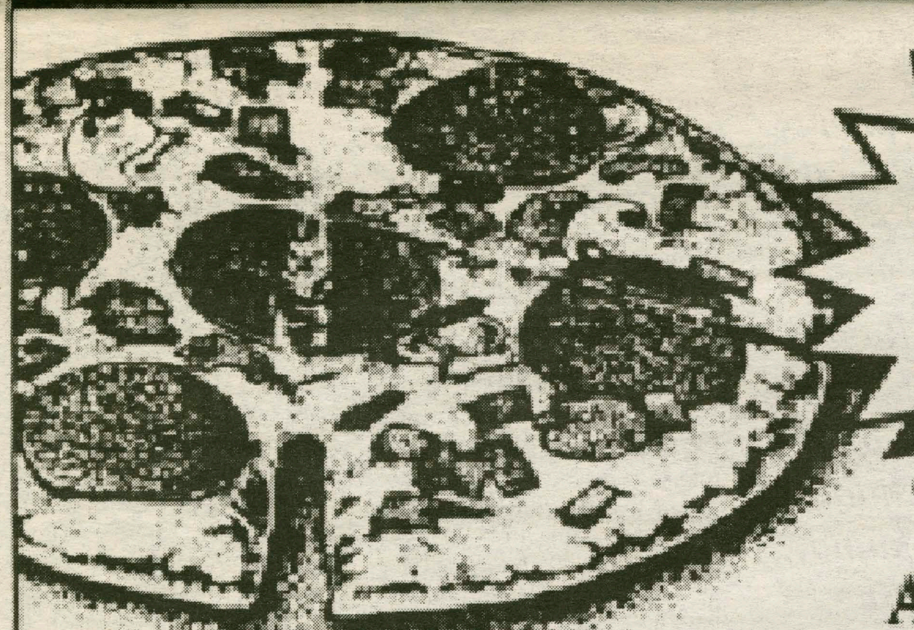

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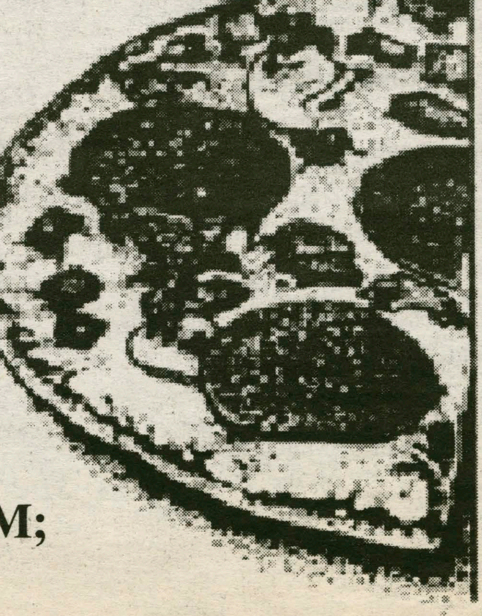

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Women's Track takes second place

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's track and field team continued its success last weekend at Edwin Fauver Stadium in Rochester, finishing second behind the University of Rochester and ahead of SUNY Oswego and RIT.

Although the results of the meet are clear, exact point totals have yet to be determined.

Coach Ellen Hull explained the discrepancy in scoring, commenting, "After we arrived we found out that the meet was going to be scored internationally; if we had known earlier people would have competed in different events in order to maximize team points."

International scoring, which is not used very often, only allows two athletes from each team to earn points in an event, regardless of where they finish.

"The team performed pretty well, especially considering the conditions; it was in the 50's, overcast, and windy," commented Hull.

Anna Arnold '04 led the team with four first place finishes.

In the triple jump and long jump she had distances of 9.90 and 4.75 meters and in the 200-meter dash she had a time of 27.76 seconds; all three scores qualified her for the NESCAC Championships in two weeks.

Along with Amanda Chase '03 and Tricia Kowalski '03 and co-captain Cristina Freyre '02, Arnold was part of the winning 4x100-meter relay team, which finished in 52.66 seconds.

In the other sprint events Freyre finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.94 seconds, and qualified for NESCACs.

Larissa Hopkins '04, Kowalski, Andrea Stroud '03, and Freyre finished first in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:16.33.

Hull said, "Larissa [Hopkins] had a great performance in the 4x400-meter relay."

In the distance events, the Continentals finished first in three out of four events.

Jen Cammarano '03 and co-captain Emily Hill '01 finished first and tenth, respectively, in the 1,500-meter run with times of 4:56.89 and 5:20.48; both times qualified them for NESCACs.

Chase, Cammarano, and Hill finished first, fourth, and ninth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:27.31, 2:29.82, and 2:38.47; with their times Chase and Cammarano qualified for NESCACs.

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Jen Cammarano (#839) leads the Hamilton women to victory.

In the 3,000-meter run Christine Campbell '04 finished third with a time of 11:29.99 and also qualified for NESCACs.

In the 5,000-meter run Maggie Hanson '02 and Kate Nelson '01 finished first and second with times of 17:02.22 and 17:49.29. Hanson qualified automatically for the NCAA Championships while Nelson repeated her performance from the previous weekend, qualifying provisionally for NCAAs.

In the field events, Jessica Sexton '03 finished fifth in both the shot put and discus with distances of 8.34 and 26.78 meters, respectively; her discus performance qualified her for NESCACs.

In the high jump Hopkins finished third with a height of 1.35 meters, and in the javelin Melissa Carlinhos '04 and Lara Clemenzi '04 finished second and eleventh with distances of 26.3 and 9.50 meters, with Carlinhos's distance also qualifying her for NESCACs.

Hull said, "Unfortunately, the field events took place almost a mile from the track, and the javelin took place in ankle deep mud."

The team will compete in the UCAA Championships at Union College against Union, RPI, and St. Lawrence University this weekend.

"UCAAs is about getting people more experience and bragging rights. It also gives us a preview of what NYSCTCs may be like. It should be an exciting meet with RPI, St. Lawrence, and Hamilton being pretty equal," commented Hull.

Last year the Continentals finished second behind St. Lawrence.

Hanson added, "Hopefully the weather will be better than it was last year. It snowed through most of the meet and hailed during the 4x800-meter relay, which was the last event."

The weather probably will not be as much of a problem as it was last year, with forecasts calling for temperatures in the 50's.

Hill said, "Next week is UCAAs, an early season test of where Hamilton ranks among its upstate rivals. Judging from our first two meets, if everyone stays injury free and healthy we should be able to do well."

Returning to the team will be Julie Elmuccio '03, who was not able to compete last weekend.

With only a few Continentals automatically qualified for the NYSCTC Championships in three weeks, this will be a good chance for people to do so.

Tennis embarks on Spring season

by Lindsey Schantz '03
SPORTS WRITER

Although poor weather has forced the teams inside, both the men's and women's tennis teams have begun the 2001 spring season with a fair amount of success.

The teams started the season by traveling together down to Hilton Head, South Carolina during spring break to play their first four matches in a warmer climate.

Jen Lynch '03 summed up the importance of the week for both teams, saying, "Hilton Head is an unbelievable opportunity to train for the spring season while meeting a good amount of tennis players from other colleges."

The men and women both faced some great competition which should only make them better as the season rolls on.

Despite being a very young team with six freshmen and no seniors present on the roster, the men's team has high hopes after beginning its UCAA schedule 2-1.

Ash Pajoohi '02 and captain Ryan Thorpe '02 will provide much needed leadership and experience.

The men proved that they would be a contender in the UCAA conference after their first match, an exciting 4-3 win over St. Lawrence.

Eric Volp's '04 nailbiting win in singles was the deciding match for the Continentals.

Next the men faced a very tough Skidmore College team. Although they lost 5-2, many of the players put in solid performances.

Leading the way for Hamilton in their two wins were Arnab Chanda '03 and Varun Vasudeva '04.

The team bounced back well, though, by pulling off a tight 4-3 victory in their match Tuesday at Renssalaer.

This time Vasudeva's three set singles victory sealed the win for Hamilton. John Murphy '04 also played well in his three set win, and Ash Pajoohi and Chanda also tallied straight set wins.

The men will look to build on their recent success during their upcoming matches against Hartwick and Ithaca.

On the women's side, the team began its shortened spring season by posting a 2-2 record in Hilton Head.

In their first match against Babson College, the women were unfortunate to drop a close one, 5-4.

However, Lizzie Fazio '04 proved to be a bright spot in the loss, playing very well in a 6-0 6-1 win.

Number two player Lindsey Schantz '03 also recorded a 7-5, 6-3 victory. The women then picked their level of play up in back to back wins against Kalamazoo and Carleton.

The second doubles team of Jen Lynch '03 and Ginger Pearson '03 tallied an important 8-3 win in the Continentals 6-2 victory over Kalamazoo.

In their last match of the week, the women faced a tough opponent in Wellesley College.

Captain Eileen Wildman '01 gave her team a chance to win, with her solid 6-7, 7-5, 6-1 victory over a highly ranked opponent.

Wildman said of the match, "I did not play as well as I would have liked, but I managed to rebound and play well in the third set."

Unfortunately, the team could not pull off the needed win, and instead lost another close match, by a score of 5-4. Nevertheless, the week as a whole proved to be a positive experience for the women.

Lynch said, "Leaving our week in Hilton Head 2-2 was much needed, because it allowed us to start our tournament season with a positive attitude."

The season continued this past weekend for the women at a tournament down at Middlebury College.

The women were not very pleased with their overall performance for the weekend, but they faced some great competition.

Wildman noted that, "It was a tough weekend, but I think that it was a good experience for us. We will all benefit from it in our upcoming matches."

At sixth singles Sarah Taylor '03 posted an impressive win in her draw. She cruised to an easy 6-0, 6-1 victory to move on to the next round.

The women hope to end their season on a high note, beginning with their final home match of the year this Saturday against a talented Rochester team.

They will then travel to the NESCAC tournament, held at Amherst College, the following weekend to wrap up their season.

Two big wins for Softball

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commented Keller.

Keller also commented on the duo of McDermott and Pogonowski, saying, "There is a very positive relationship betweem them. They are both the good, old-fashioned type of players. They are hardworking, day-in, day-out performers. They are a large part of why this season has been so much more positive for the team."

This weekend the team will take on Rochester in a doubleheader on Saturday, and will play a very tough St. Lawrence team on Sunday.

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Improved pitching propels Baseball

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

Several weeks ago the Hamilton baseball team's pitching staff was, to put it delicately, in shambles.

Coming off a spring trip in which they gave up an astounding 11 runs per game through eight games, the Continentals have allowed double digit runs just once in the five games since then.

And this past weekend, their vastly improved pitching finally paid off. The Continentals split a double-header against NESCAC foe Amherst this past Saturday, thus gaining their first ever league win as members of the NESCAC.

Coach Mike Davis commented on the importance of getting that first NESCAC win, "Just to get a win period was good; it's been a long time since Florida. It was a nice win, the kids know that."

Starter Jamie Harrison '02 went the full nine innings in leading the Continentals to the 4-2 victory, scattering nine hits while walking one and striking out three.

The victory came in the second game of the double-header, which was technically a "home" game for Hamilton but was held two hours away at Siena College in Albany, NY thanks to the current soggy condition of their own home turf.

In the first game, which was a seven inning affair, captain Steve Guillette '01 also went the distance but received very little run support as the Continentals lost 4-1.

Despite taking the loss, Guillette was pleased with both his and Harrison's performance, "It was probably my best outing so far this year. Jamie pitched a great game, he was able to keep the hitters from getting in any offensive rhythm. Having two complete games was important because now our bullpen is fresh for this weekend."

While the hitting was far from spectacular in either game, it was quite timely in the Continental win.

With the score knotted at two apiece in the sixth inning, catcher Jack Halas '03 broke the tie with an RBI triple, one of his three RBI's on the day. Halas improved his team-leading average to .407 on the year.

Adam Lewkowicz '02 later drove in an insurance run. Harrison, however, was the main reason why the Continentals were able to put an end to their six-game losing streak.

"I was hitting my spots and I felt I had all three of my pitches working," he commented. "And I got some great defensive help as well."

The win over Amherst (7-6, 1-1) improved the team's record to 3-10 overall, 1-4 in the NESCAC, but more importantly it gives the Continentals confidence that they now can beat even the more powerful teams in the NESCAC.

And now that their pitching staff is well-rested, the Continentals can take comfort in the fact that they will not have to engage in high scoring slugfests in order to win, as they did in Florida.

"Pitching was something we needed a lift with," Coach Davis said. "Steve pitched well (but) we just couldn't get that key hit like we did in the second game with Jamie on the hill."

The team was scheduled to play another game against the Jeffs on Sunday afternoon but it was postponed due to an overnight rain.

They were also scheduled to play at Utica College last Wednesday in the annual Jackie Robinson game but that too was rained out, and has been re-scheduled for this upcoming Wednesday.

That will follow this weekend's games at yet another NESCAC front-runner, Middlebury. Barring more inclement weather, the Continentals will play a double-header today against the Panthers and one more on Saturday afternoon.

Thanks to the two impressive performances by Harrison and Guillette, there should be an abundance of fresh arms ready to go if needed in any of three games. That's something that may have seemed implausible less than a month ago.

Golf preps for a brief spring season despite wet course

by Jared Frank '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's golf team looks to open up its season the 21st of April against LeMoyne College. The ten-day season was originally supposed to open up a week earlier here at Hamilton, but due to inclement weather conditions the Hamilton Spring Invitational was cancelled for the weekend of April 8th and 9th.

So, starting the weekend of the 21st the Hamilton golf team begins its ten-day season, which consists of seven tournaments ending with the Division III NCAA Championship on May 6th and 7th.

The team's regular practice is conducted at the 6,650-yard Skenandoa Club in Clinton. The team also uses the nine-hole course on campus. Snow has kept the team off of the courses, and forced them travel to the Dome in Schyler. Because of the dismal Upstate New York weather, the team travels to illustrious courses in the south over spring break. This past spring break the team went to Pinehurst, N.C., where they enjoyed the warm weather and gorgeous courses.

When asked about the trip to Pinehurst, DiRamio commented, "We are optimistic about the spring season. Our trip to Pinehurst proved our capabilities. We tied a Babson College team, who is ranked eighth in the nation."

The team is coached by Michael Byrnes, in his first year as head coach. Byrnes graduated from Hamilton in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

He also was one of the assistant coaches for the men's basketball team. Byrnes' outlook for the upcoming spring season is positive.

He said, "The team played well in Pinehurst over spring break. We missed a tournament-winning putt against a nationally ranked Babson squad. Things look good for the spring."

The team is lead by co-captains Matt DiRamio '01 and Tyler Leach '02, who led the team in the fall. The team played in seven tournaments in the fall season.

In the NESCAC championships the team placed fourth, while in the UCAA championships they placed second. The team is looking forward to an exciting spring season.

DiRamio was also a part of the successful 1998-1999 team that won the NESCAC championship. Last year, he qualified for the ECAC championship and was Hamilton's leading finisher in the NESCAC championship. Both DiRamio and Leach were named to second team All-NESCAC this past fall.

Leach became the Continentals' second leading scorer last season when he quickly stepped into a starting position. "DiRamio and Leach should be one of the best one-two punches in New England competition," commented Byrnes.

There are also two new editions to the Continentals' squad, including Dan Head '03 and Tom Ferrero '04. Ferrero is a transfer student from a Division I golf program at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Byrnes added, "These two new editions to the team add a new level of competition to practice, and should help the team excel into a more successful season."

Leech adds, "The new additions to the team will help us. Look to see these two among the leading contributor on the team."

Byrnes commented, "We hope to have a better season than last fall, but the season is short and the circumstances with the snow make practicing difficult."

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Inconsistent Men's Lacrosse wins one, loses one

by Brent Lowinger '02
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College men's lacrosse team had a weekend that can best be described as a case of the good, the bad, and the ugly.

The team felt good coming off a big win against Williams College the previous weekend. But, with back to back games against tough UCAA opponents St. Lawrence and Clarkson, the Continentals knew that they were in for their biggest test yet.

The Conts started slowly on Friday afternoon against St. Lawrence, playing to a 1-1 tie after one quarter. As the crowd started to build, so did Hamilton's offensive output.

The scoring picked up as the two teams played even for the rest of the half, and Hamilton went into halftime thinking that they were in for a very tight game.

The second half, however, was a totally different story. The offense came out shooting and the defense locked up a St. Lawrence offense that looked overwhelmed in the final 30 minutes of play.

The Continentals dominated the second half, outscoring a bewildered St. Lawrence team by five goals and walking away with a 13-8 victory.

This was a good, solid win that brought the Conts to 1-0 in UCAA play. The team was led by outstanding play from Sean Duffy '01 and Matt Silverio '03 on offense. Harry Hristoforatos '02 led the way on defense, delivering devastating body checks to anyone who dared get in his way.

The players would have liked to relax and celebrate the victory, but there was no time for that. Clarkson was coming into town for a game just 18 hours later.

Maybe the second half run against St. Lawrence had worn the players out, or maybe two games in 24 hours is just too much to ask, but whatever the reason, the Continentals did not look like the same team when they took the field against Clarkson on Saturday.

The Conts were out-played from the beginning. They looked sluggish and out of sync. Clarkson took advantage of the weary Continental players and left nothing to chance, handing the Conts their worst loss of the season, 13-6. The Hamilton team had no one to blame but themselves, but after the game everyone was looking for answers.

"We played a tough game the day before, but that is no excuse for what happened on Saturday," said a disappointed Jay Morrell '02. "We need to show up to play every game, one game at a time. As long as we play with confidence and play as a team we can beat anyone who steps on the field with us."

When asked about how the team was dealing with the disappointing loss to Clarkson, Morell said, "Right now we're just focusing on Hartwick. That is our next game and it is going to be a big one."

He couldn't be more right. If the team is going to get back on track they will have to do so against nationally ranked UCAA foe Hartwick. Hartwick is ranked 10th in Division III, and they hope to find themselves in the NCAA tournament come May.

The Continentals, however, have their own hopes for an NCAA tournament bid. They know that their hopes for a bid ride on their next two UCAA contests.

The Hartwick game will be played on Tuesday, and the schedule gets no easier as the Conts must then travel to Albany on Saturday to take on 11th ranked RPI.

There is no more time for excuses. The players must come to play now.

This team has the ability to be as good as they believe they are, but all the players must see the urgency of their upcoming games.

A sweep of Hartwick and RPI could be just what the Continentals need to earn a bid to the tournament, but two losses will take them out of contention for the elusive ticket to the tourney.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

The Continental's Canute Dalmasse (#9) finds himself in the clear at Hamilton's last home match against the Clarkson Golden Knights.

Overall performance sparks men's track

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

The men's track team had its second meet of the season this past Saturday.

The team competed against Oswego, University of Rochester, and RIT at the University of Rochester.

Captain Scott Taylor '01, Darren Block '01, and Sky Gellatly '03 led the way with a win apiece.

Taylor led a trio of Hamilton competitors in the 1500 meter run.

Taylor won with a time of 4:09.25, followed by Paul Jones '03 in second.

Fletcher Malcom '03 and Jones followed close behind.

Taylor and Jones also ran in the 800 meter run along with Ryan Murelli '02.

Murelli led this trio of Hamilton men, taking third in a time of 2:01.21.

Taylor followed in fourth with a time of 2:02.96 and Jones came in after that.

Darren Block '01 won the javelin throw with a throw of 49.10 meters.

Block demolished his competition and at this pace, has a chance of qualifying for nationals.

Ryan Palmitesso '03 took fourth in the javelin throw with a throw of 39.62 meters.

Palmitesso also placed in the high jump, taking second, with a jump of 1.8 meters. Tom Alberi '03 also participated in the high jump.

Gellatly won the triple jump with a jump of 13.16 meters. Gellatly also took fourth place in the long jump with a jump of 5.85 meters.

He was also a meember of the third-place 4x100 team.

Joining Gellatly on the 4x100 team were sprinters Jeff Corey '04, Greg Zalasky '04, and Elijah "Juice" Huling '04.

Corey finshed third in the 100 meter dash in 11.47, followed by Huling in fourth with a time of 11.60.

Zalasky finished less than a second behind in 12.22.

Tony Coudert '01 also ran in the 100 in 13.13. The same four Hamilton men competed in the 200 meter dash.

Huling took the top Hamilton finish placing fifth with a time of 23.13. Corey came next in sixth with a 23.17.

Zalasky and Coudert finished strong with times of 25.11 and 26.81, respectively.

Huling, Taylor, Murelli, and Malcom combined for a third-place finish in the 4x400 meter relay in a time of 3:36.88.

Dan Leonard '03 and Tom Alberi '03 were the lone Hamilton competitors in their open events.

Leonard finished strong in the open 400 with a 54.51. Alberi took fifth in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 19.13.

John Damaske '02 and Nate Arnold '03 represented Hamilton in the men's 5000 meter run. Damaske ran a 16:36.15. Arnold ran a 17:13.50.

Sandro Mei '04, Jeff Barnett '01, and Andy Inglis '01 rounded out the distance events.

Mei took fourth in the hammer throw with a distance of 34.10 meters.

Mei also threw the discus 31.98 meters. Barnett threw the shot put 9.95 meters in his track and field debut.

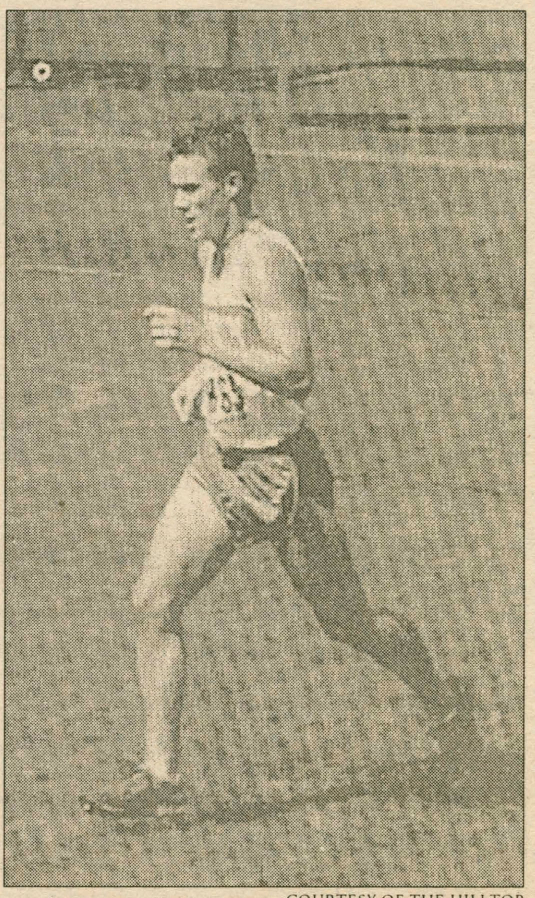
Inglis took third in the pole vault with a vault of 3.35 meters.

The men's team now hopes to build off these performances for this weekend's UCAA Championships.

St. Lawrence, Union, RPI, and Hamilton will compete for the league title.

The meet will be at Union and hopefully nice weather will make for good times.

The men's track team will hopefully be able to qualify more mebers for post-season meets.



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Men's track star Doug Zeyak '03 trudges through mud.

Sports

Continental Lacrosse climbs to #7

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

It isn't very often in women's lacrosse that a team wins by fourteen goals.

It is even rarer that the winning coach's first remarks about such a game are, "We played well - but we could have played better."

The Continentals proved their skill, strength and depth in a 19-5 victory over the 16th ranked Nazareth College Golden Flyers on Wednesday.

Though =Nazareth scored the first goal, Hamilton took control of the game early on, scoring seven unanswered goals in the first 15 minutes of play.

Last year, Nazareth was able to upset William Smith to get to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament.

Though both the Continentals and Golden Flyers' post seasons ended at the same point last year, after a game like Wednesday's Hamilton showed that it has the potential to go farther this year.

The team's first half efforts began on defense with goalie Jess Asrican '01 making four great saves for the Continentals.

The backfield of Jenne Atherton '01, co-captain Lauren Bruce '01, Abby Zeidler '03 and Nadia Dovi '04 kept Nazareth's shots on goal to a minimum.

Offensively, leading scorers Adrien Mosely '01 and Kristen Engster '01, and captains Sarah Gloo '01 and Caty Wakefield '01 each tallied multiple goals to give Hamilton a comfortable lead.

Mosely and Gloo led all scorers, each finishing with four goals.

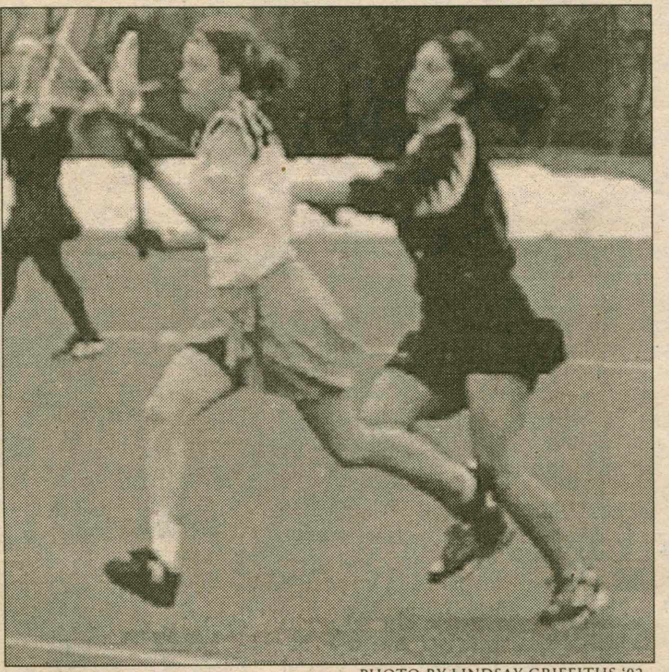

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Caty Wakefield (#8) leads Hamilton to a 19-5 victory over Nazareth College.

However, the game was not won by the starters, it was won by the underclassmen.

Hamilton showed its true depth by keeping Nazareth at bay and increasing the lead when its seasoned veterans were on the bench.

With the exceptions of Alex Manoff '03 and Charlotte Hodde '03 who were nursing shin splints, every field player saw game time against a decent opponent.

Coach Karen Hollands commented, "It's not often that twenty-two people can play against a top twenty team."

Hamilton out-played Nazareth both on the field and on paper. The Continentals controlled more draws, saved more shots, and picked up 24 more ground balls than Nazareth.

Hamilton was able to convert on 19 of its 35 shots on goal for the win.

Offensively, Coach Hollands praised the standout play of Melissa Stillman '04, Sarah Karpinski '03, Helena Marrin '03, Molly Plummer '03, Meghan Gifford '04, Tally Gibson '04, Katie McKeon '04, and Sarah Bardenett '04. Bardenett, Marrin and Plummer combined for five goals, and McKeon chipped in her first two collegiate goals.

This combination of skill and speed on the frontline foretells future winning seasons for the Continentals.

In the backfield, Gloo and Wakefield praised the play of Mary Ryan '04, Sarah McNeil '04, Alison Cherry '03, and Maggie Sivon '03.

"They were very patient with the ball; they didn't panic when they were double teamed and played exactly the way we've been practicing," praised Gloo. "The defense was able to clear balls, and run patterns up the field."

Goalie Nicole Cheatle '03 also played well, making four saves in the second half.

"Cheatle would be starting at any other program in the country," commented Hollands. "After Asrican graduates, Cheatle will have her time to shine."

Wakefield agreed, commenting, "It was great to see the younger kids step up against a top 20 team. I didn't notice any difference in the level of play when they were on the field."

This weekend, Hamilton travels to Skidmore and Union, taking on two UCAA rivals.

Although the two teams are not ranked as highly as Nazareth, wins are vital for securing another UCAA Championship and a repeated appearance to the NCAA tournament. The team's increased experience will be vital to winning this weekend.

Softball continues to improve against NESCAC opponents

by Prashant Sadarangani '04 and Andy Horner '03

The women's softball team could not have hoped for a better weekend as they strengthened their overall NESCAC record to 2-2, with two crucial victories over Wesleyan College. Both the games were played at Wesleyan and the women were on top of their game as they won the first game 6-3.

The team was confident in their overall approach, and they had 11 hits including three doubles. The doubles were hit by Korey O'Malley '01, Karen Pogonowski '02 and Abby McDermott '01. Pogonowski, Krista Marran '04, Jennifer Derby '01 and Lisa Washburn '01 were the four players who sacrificed to get runs across the plate.

O'Malley and Pogonowski were outstanding, as they led the team with two RBI's apiece, while Derby had one RBI. The game was intense and Hamilton managed to turn two double plays on defense, the first one by Nicole Dafoe '04 and Stephanie Dunn '03, and the second one by Amy Greenan '04 and O'Malley. Greenan and Dafoe also scored two runs apiece, while Pogonowski was the winning pitcher of the game.

The second game was even more exciting as Hamilon recorded 12 hits, and Dunn shocked the crowd with a solo home run which traveled far over the fence. She also led the team with 4 hits while Derby had two hits. In this game Dafoe and Dunn had two RBI's each, while Pogonowski and Marran had one apiece.

The winning pitcher of this game was no different from the first as Pogonowski turned in another gutsy performance. The most exciting defensive play of the game came when Derby and O'Malley turned a double play to end the game.

Positioning was extremely important during the play and each player covered her position well. Dafoe was at second, Greenan at shortstop, Dunn covered first and O'Malley held down the hot corner. The game was finally over as Hamilton secured an impressive 7-5 victory, and a sweep of the doubleheader.

Coach Susan Keller was happy with the result and said, "We were pleased at the overall team effort. Our defense played the strongest it has since the season started and offensively we happened to get hits from each and every part of our batting order which is extremely important in softball."

Hamilton's NESCAC conference record is 2-2 after this win and their overall record is 4-12. The team was scheduled to play SUNY Tech last week, but the game was postponed. After sweeping Wesleyan, the team felt confident in its ability to compete with NESCAC teams.

Due to a cancellation of a two-game set against Utica/Rome, the team had an entire week to prepare for a double header against a dangerous Williams team.

However, this week did not include many outdoor practices as a result of the continuing horrible weather of upstate New York. Despite this, the team worked hard to improve its occasionally shaky defense, and improve on individual timing at the plate.

After a lengthy drive to Williams, the team got off to a slow start against the Ephs in the first game, committing five errors during the first three innings of play. Pogonowski pitched well enough to win, but she was undone by the shoddy defense behind her, and Williams plated seven runs in the first three innings, only one of which was earned. This hole was too much for the Continentals to escape, and they dropped the contest, 7-1.

Keller commented, "We committed five errors in the first three innings, and Williams was able to take advantage, despite a very nicely pitched game from Karen."

Pogonowski, who is also the Continentals' offensive leader, went 3 for 3 at the plate in the game. She tripled once and hit two singles, and also stole two bases. Her batting average rose to .456 for the season, an astounding number considering that she is the team's lone starting pitcher.

Derby, whose production at the plate has been steadily increasing as the season has continued, drove in the only run that Hamilton scored. Derby is now hitting .289, and has driven in seven runs on the year.

Relief pitcher/center fielder Washburn contributed two of Hamilton's seven team hits for the game. Washburn combines with Pogonowski to form Hamilton's dangerous pitcher/center fielder combination, with the two players trading back and forth between these two crucial positions.

"We're very lucky to have two calm pitchers like Lisa and Karen," said Keller. "They both can be down 3-0 in the count and come back to strike the batter out."

The second game was much closer than the first, but more defensive miscues thwarted the Continentals' attempt to split the doubleheader. Pogonowski turned in another solid effort, and Hamilton had a chance to win the game in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"Once again I feel that our errors limited our potential to win this game, and yet we still were one hit away from a lead at the end," explained Keller. Hamilton recorded six hits in the game, including long doubles by shortstops O'Malley and Greenan. Greenan, Derby and Dunn crossed the plate to account for Hamilton's three runs. RBIs were recorded by Pogonowski, her tenth of the season, Derby, and the versatile Heather Hoffay '03, who came off the bench to drive in her third run of the year.

An important reason behind the success of Pogonowksi as Hamilton's only starting pitcher this season has certainly been the steady leadership of McDermott. Her rapport with the team's two pitchers allows them to reach their full potential whenever they take the mound.

"Abby has been outstanding so far behind the plate, blocking balls, throwing down to the base, and keeping the opposing runners constantly on their toes,"

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